



American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update

Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in

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News from Around PA

Senator Bob Casey, Jr. has praised the "deep qualifications" of former PA Health Secretary and current US Assistant Secretary of Health Dr. "Rachel" Levine. He also touts his support for the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network. He has been endorsed by the Steel City Stonewall Democrats.

Every Library Institute, "an advocacy organization whose purpose is to provide resources and assistance to libraries whose funding is threatened" has created a virtual platform called Fight for the First. It is an effort to organize to defend libraries that offer offensive materials. Several groups have formed including in Philly where Phight for the Phirst was created. It's "dedicated to defending libraries in the Greater Philadelphia Area from book-banning efforts".

The **Pride Festival of Central PA** was held in Harrisburg this weekend.

Pride Day at **Waldameer Park and Water World** in Erie will be Sunday, August 11.

From National Scene

In **Arkansas ballot initiative sponsors** must file a statement confirming that each paid canvassers was given a copy of the state's initiative and referenda handbook as well as an explanation of relevant state laws before he or she solicited petition signatures. Those pushing the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024 failed to include this document when turning in the petitions. The Secretary of State rejected them, but the Arkansas Supreme Court ordered an initial count of signatures.

Nebraska Supreme Court upholds 12 week abortion ban and ban on "gender affirming care" for minors.

Two scholars who question and criticize the concept of gender identity were recently kicked out of a webinar that was part of a two-day "Exploring the many dimensions of sex and gender in the genomics era" symposium **hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**. The NIH says

the scholars' questions during Q and A failed to adhere to the rules requiring a "professional environment that was safe, collaborative, and productive for all attendees".

Recently revealed communications show that the **World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)** asserted that cross-sex hormones and surgeries were "medically necessary" so that insurance companies would pay for those procedures. A WPATH official said, ""We needed a tool for our attorneys to use in defending access to care. The original Medical Necessity Statement was specific to the US because this was where we were experiencing the problem."

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