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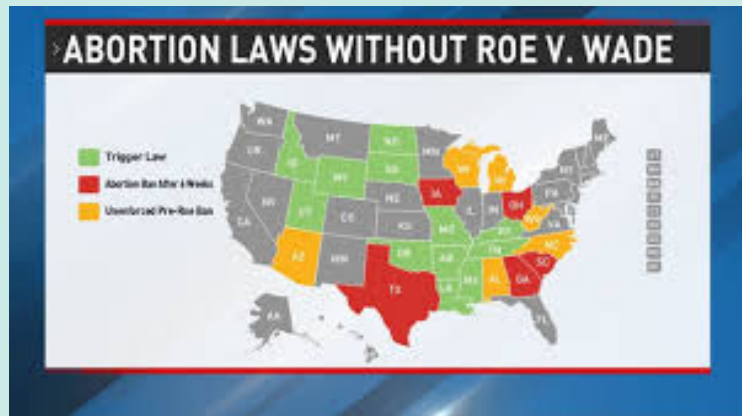
NEWS OF THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR What's Happening???

Earlier today Roe v. Wade was overturned and I know I am not alone when I say I feel unbelievably angry and dismissed as a woman. And what about the 16-year-old girl who will be impregnated tomorrow, perhaps without consent, and left with no choice but to have a child she does not want. And that 16-year-old might be a part of the LGBTQIA+ community. They might present as trans masculine or be transgender, or a lesbian or pan.



Our community partner, Planned Parenthood, will be on the front line as they provide healthcare to so many in our community including services for trans people. Accessing contraception could become more difficult and access to fertility treatments could also be imperiled. These are all services that we have come to rely on, not only as LGBTQIA people but as Americans.

This year **340 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills** have been introduced at the state level. We have seen parental rights take precedence over the rights of young people, including bills that criminalize puberty blockers and hormones for youth, and bills preventing trans athletes from participating in high school sports. States' rights are the place to watch as all of this unfolds.

As we learn more about today's inhumane ruling, we will be mobilizing with our RAISE advocacy efforts. Please join us on Sunday at noon for Racine Pride Day, where we will include ways to mobilize.

Peace,
Barb

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS
PRIDE PROM 2022



Photograph by Paul Willette, Rode's Camera Shop

Pride Prom was a night we will all remember! With 215 guests in attendance at the Racine Civic Centre, we lit up the night! Twenty-seven youth won free raffle prizes. Four performers competed for a title. One was crowned **Prom Queen**.

A special thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who made this ambitious inter-generational event the Prom we always wanted. With over 100 youth in attendance, it will likely be hard to beat...but we are up for the challenge!

For many, it was their first drag show, for others it was their first Prom with their same-sex partner of 30 years. But no matter your age, it was beautiful to see youth free to be themselves and feel accepted by the elders across the dance floor. Many adults said the joy of the LGBTQIA+ youth was the pinnacle of the evening.

ADVOCACY

RACINE PRIDE DAY

Racine Pride Day is an opportunity for local elected officials, clergy, business owners, and the community to share their support for the LGBTQ+ community.

Join us **this Sunday from noon to 1:30** to hear from incredible local activists, leaders, and allies in an open-air forum on the steps of City Hall in Racine.

Headlining the event will be Mayor, Cory Mason, and State Representative, Greta Neubauer.

This event is guaranteed to motivate you to action. and to feel proud to be a part of this community.



RACINE PRIDE DAY

Sunday, June 26th
Noon to 1:30 PM
Racine's City Hall Plaza
730 Washington Ave.

**HEAR OUR VOICES AND OUR STORIES.
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OUR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY!**



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COMMUNITY BUILDING

Kingfish Game: 50/50 raffle for the Center

The LGBT Center will be the recipient of a 50/50 raffle at the Kenosha Kingfish game on **Monday, June 27th at 6:35 PM**. The Kingfish is part of the Northwoods League of WI.



Get your tickets at the [Center](#) or on the [Kingfish website](#)



QUEER BOOK CLUB

June's Read: *Date Me, Bryson Keller*

"One of the most adorable, big-hearted, charming books in existence." --Becky Albertalli, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

What If It's Us meets *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* in this upbeat and heartfelt boy-meets-boy romance that feels like a modern twist on a '90s rom-com!

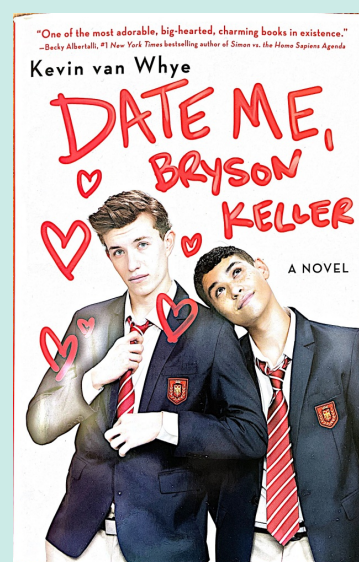
Everyone knows about the dare: Each week, Bryson Keller must date someone new--the first person to ask him out on Monday morning. Few think Bryson can do it. He may be the king of Fairvale Academy, but he's never really dated before.

Until a boy asks him out, and *everything* changes.

To read more about [Date Me, Bryson Keller](#)

The Queer Book Club will select a new book monthly and meet virtually the last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a facilitated discussion. Email the [Queer Book Club](#) to join!

Join us on June 28th.



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KENOSHA PRIDE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Proud of [Kenosha Pride!](#)



Congratulations on being one of the best small-town PRIDES in the Midwest!

We love the crowd, the parade, the families, the shows, and the vendors. You can always count on the Center to support you.

We also know that there are people out there who are not supportive. We are reaching out to our community to have the biggest crowd ever, with the most families and a supportive community.

Bring on the LOVE!

LOOKING AHEAD PASSIONS PROJECT

The Passions Project is a portrait series in which individuals are photographed as they engage in their passion as a way to create collective connections and spark conversation.

The portrait series will be displayed at Social on the 6th of November 2022. Founder Heidi Wagner is a professional photographer residing in Racine. The Center is thrilled to collaborate with Heidi on this project.

If you would like to personally participate or nominate someone as a subject, please follow this [link](#).



THE PASSIONS PROJECT You are invited to participate!

LOOKING AHEAD Community Safe Zone Training MONDAY, June 13th, 5:30 – 7:00 PM CST

Community Safe Zone Trainings are public events that help educate you on the LGBTQ+ community, the issues we face, and the resources available near you.

SAFE ZONE

Inclusion training for LGBTQIA+ allies



These events are held over Zoom on the second Monday of every month. They are FREE to attend! [Click here to register.](#)

For customized training for your workplace or organization send inquiries to [David Ulrich.](#)

Virtual Support Groups

m Spirituality Group 7 to 8 p.m.	t Parenting with Pride 5 to 6 p.m.	w Queer Social Group 10 to 11 a.m. Trans & Enby Support 5 to 6 p.m.
<i>support at your fingertips.</i>		
t Youth Group 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.	our (virtual) group calendar	sat Seniors Group 2 to 3 p.m.
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Are you okay? Do you need anything? We're here to support you if you do—like through the support of our virtual groups. [Sign up for groups here](#)

Jerry Gulley, dies at 53

Gulley was openly gay and championed LGBTQ rights throughout the county. As a supervisor, Gulley sponsored a resolution to make June “Pride Month” in Kenosha County. Gulley also served on the board of the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Gulley fought for racial equity as he help spearhead the county’s creation of the Racial





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