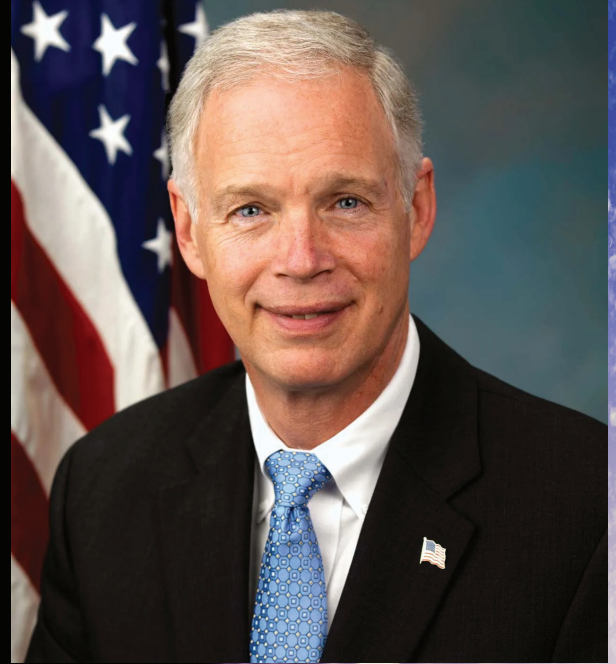




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By William S. Gooden, Publisher Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

Its October, time for falling leaves, cooler weather, and of course Halloween. So things should be getting spookier. Speaking of which, on the political front, things are look spookier as well. That is why it is important to remember that Election Day in Wisconsin is right around the corner. In this issue we take a look this year's political races in our *Pride Life Focus* section *Who's the Best Candidates for Queer WI?*

In our news section this month we feature two stories which are usually hot political topics, prisons and safety. The first is on a recent study conducted by a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee scholar how looked at the LGBTQ+ populations in prisons and found that queer people are overrepresented in the criminal system. The second article looks a a local Milwaukee Police Department initiative to provide safe spaces for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Fun fall festivities around this time of year and our own Michael Johnston talks about them all in this months *Cordially Yours, Again!*

Again, please remember to go out and vote on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. It is more important this year then ever as there with all that is happening in our country right now. You can find your registration information, your polling place and request an absentee ballot at <https://city.milwaukee.gov/election>





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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



LGBTQ+ People Overrepresented In Criminal System, UWM Scholar Finds

By Laura Otto

A national report commissioned by the MacArthur Foundation and released in June found that people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex are overrepresented in the U.S. criminal legal system.

In fact, LGBTQ+ people are more than twice as likely to be arrested compared to straight people and three times more likely to be incarcerated than the general population. Those statistics are worse for LGBTQ+ people of color.

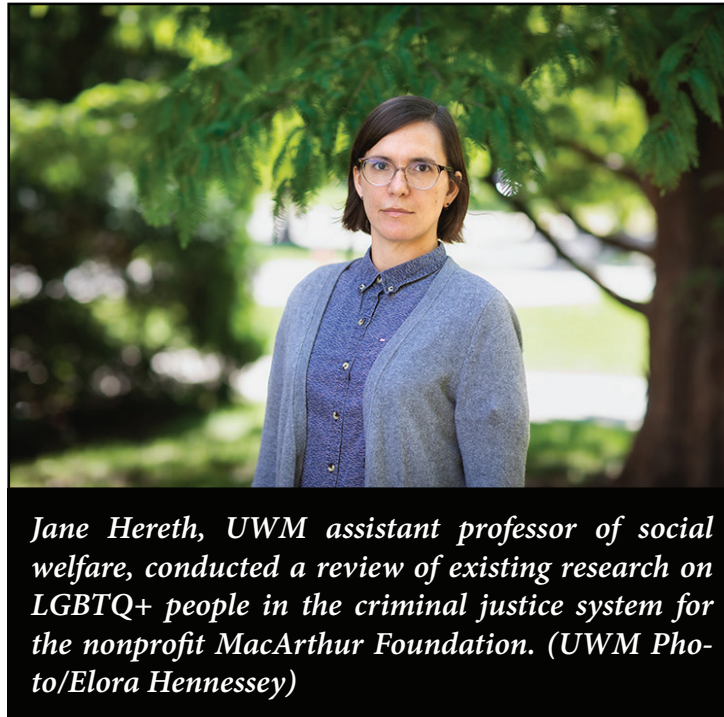
Jane Hereth, UWM assistant professor of social welfare, conducted a review of existing research and compiled the report as part of the foundation's initiative to support criminal justice reform.

In addition to tracking arrests and incarceration rates, she also documented discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals within the system, and found that it showed up at every stage, from arrest through sentencing, and also in the inmate's prison experience.

Here, Hereth talks about how LGBTQ+ people are often overlooked in criminal justice reform and why the disparity hits younger people hardest.

Why are LGBTQ+ people disproportionately at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system?

There are a number of contributing



Jane Hereth, UWM assistant professor of social welfare, conducted a review of existing research on LGBTQ+ people in the criminal justice system for the nonprofit MacArthur Foundation. (UWM Photo/Elora Hennessey)

factors that I cover in the report. One of the paths I outline is related to poverty, homelessness and unemployment.

We know that LGBTQ+ folks experience higher rates of unemployment and poverty compared to non-LGBTQ+ individuals. For transgender and gender expansive individuals in particular, this is linked to barriers related to changing their identifying documents. It can be really difficult to get a job if the name and gender on your ID doesn't match how you identify and express your gender. Without employment, folks are forced to engage in forms of criminalized survival, like sex work or theft, and then are punished for doing so.

What about for LGBTQ+ youth?

Youth seem to be especially overrepresented. Arrest and incarceration in juvenile justice facilities are particularly

high among youth who identify as LGBTQ+, compared to youth involved in the system who don't identify as LGBTQ+.

There's a lot of overlap between the likelihood of being involved in the criminal legal system and homelessness, poverty or involvement in the child welfare system.

And we know that each of those individual things have been looked at as disproportionately impacting LGBTQ+ youth. For example, something like 40% of youth who identify as LGBTQ+ are homeless. And homelessness is often criminalized, with individuals being arrested for loitering or panhandling. So there's a "piling on" of all these different factors.

How do LGBTQ+ youth get started down the path that puts them at risk for incarceration? Is it because families reject them?

Family rejection is a big piece of the story, certainly. Once youth are kicked or pushed out by their families, they may experience homelessness or need to engage in criminalized survival, which can funnel them into the system. But I don't want to place all the blame on families. There are lots of system failures that are going on as well.

LGBTQ+ youth could be experiencing homelessness for the same reasons that straight and cis-gender youth get involved in the child welfare system – because of family conflict that's unrelated to the young people's sexual orientation, such as poverty or drug use at home.

And then, once youth get involved in the child welfare system, they start to experience bias related to gender and sexual orientation.

One of the things we know is that LGBTQ+ youth are more vulnerable to the “school-to-prison pipeline,” which is the result of schools using the criminal legal system to deal with rule infractions, like fighting. And, a lot of LGBTQ+ youth experience bullying in school. When they defend themselves against physical bullying, they are then punished for doing that.

What does the report say about the experience of LGBTQ+ people once they are incarcerated?

A lot of that research has focused on a lack of access to gender-affirming medical care and a lack of access to HIV care, which is not specific to LGBTQ+ people. Access to HIV treatment is improving, but access to gender-affirming medical care – transition and trans-related health care – is a huge issue.

Some research indicates that individuals are not getting access to hormones or the proper dosage, and medical staff in prisons and jails have not received the proper training to treat transgender individuals.

And this includes mental health care. There is one study of incarcerated LGBTQ+ people conducted by the advocacy group Black & Pink that found that individuals with a mental health diagnosis were not receiving mental health care while incarcerated.

Research also indicates that LGBTQ+ incarcerated individuals experience higher rates of violence than other inmates, including by prison staff and guards. That same study of LGBTQ+ incarcerated people found that 85% of LGBTQ+ people had been in solitary confinement at some point during their incarceration.

Have overturned or nullified legislation from the past continued to affect



LGBTQ+ people?

Yes. There’s an ongoing legacy of LGBTQ+ identity being associated with criminality and deviance. That matters because, increasingly, various state legislatures are trying to pass more explicit pieces of legislation that are contributing to criminal prosecution or increased state surveillance of LGBTQ+ individuals.

For example, some of the proposed legislation would get the child welfare system involvement in the cases of parents who are helping their children access gender-affirming medical care. We’ve seen the conflicts over bathroom access or access to other public accommodations.

This comes from a legacy of people trying to control the identities of others.

What are a few of the needs your report points to?

We should be offering more support to families whose youth are coming out and – this is so important – give more support to youth in schools.

There’s a need for more emergency shelters that are inclusive of LGBTQ+ folks and more services for survivors of victimization. Intimate partner violence services are geared toward cisgender, heterosexual women. And so, there’s often not a place where LGBTQ+ survivors can go to access services.

We talked about how it’s really difficult for trans people to get jobs if their names on legal documents and photos don’t match their gender expression. So just things like helping walk people through that intimidating process can be really helpful.

And also policy advocacy is needed. We need to have broader conversations to change the way sexual orientation and gender identities are viewed, and work toward greater equality.

Source: <https://uwm.edu/news/lgbtq-people-overrepresented-in-criminal-system-uwm-scholar-finds/>

Milwaukee Police Safety Initiative; LGBTQ+ Community

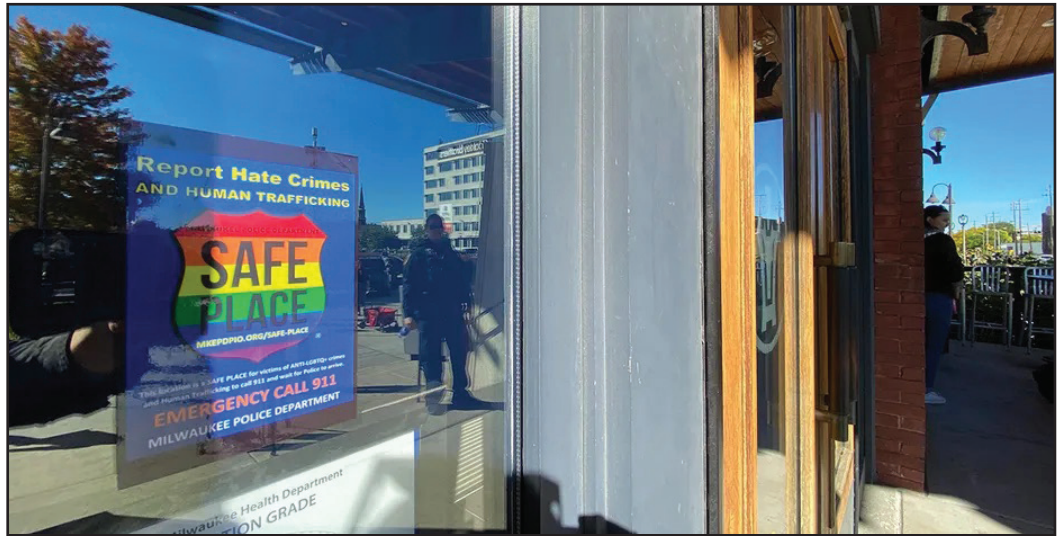
The Milwaukee Police Department announced on Monday, Oct. 3 a new safety initiative that will help the LGBTQ+ community and human trafficking victims. It is called the Safe Place program.

The Safe Place Program is an active collaboration among the police, businesses, and social organizations designed to assist in making communities a safer place to live. Any individual who sees the Safe Place logo will know that business, organization, or location will provide a safe space for someone to call 911 for assistance, should they feel unsafe.

"This is an important step Milwaukee needs, and has needed for a long time," said Brad Schlaikowski of Courage MKE, which helps homeless and displaced LGBTQ+ youth.

Schlaikowski said the Safe Place program will go a long way to show that there are places people can get help if they are in trouble.

"Too long we see folks from our community, especially black trans women, being hurt, harmed and more sadly murdered throughout our country," Schlaikowski said.



Two Black trans women were killed in Milwaukee this year. 28-year-old Brazil Johnson was shot and killed near Teutonia and North back in June. Regina "Mya" Allen died after being shot near 26th and Wells in late August. Police are still looking for Johnson's killer.

The man charged with killing Allen was arrested at a south side Milwaukee home last week.

"It is an extremely strong case for the state. There is video, there is eyewitness testimony. There is the possibility that this was a hate crime," said Sara Waldschmidt/Milwaukee County Assistant

District Attorney.

Prosecutors have not said but, but that 31-year-old Clayton Hubbard argued with Allen before she was shot.

So far in 2022, the Human Rights Campaign said 31 transgender people were fatally shot or killed.

"Being able to be a beacon to those who are being harmed who are suffering is the first place to start," Chief Norman said.

"If I'm walking past a building, and there's this sticker in the window that's blatantly saying, come in here -- we'll protect you -- it's a no brainer and it's a win for the city," Schlaikowski said.

"This program is another great example of the Milwaukee community coming together in the name of community safety regardless where you are from, what language you speak, what religion you believe in, or who you love," Norman said.

Businesses interested in taking part in this program can sign up at mkepdpio.org/safe-place.

Source: <https://www.fox6now.com/news/milwaukee-police-safety-initiative-lgbtq-community>



Brazil Johnson and Regina "Mya" Allen

Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

Who's the Best Candidates for Queer WI

By William S. Gooden
 Publisher,
 Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

It's already October, that means in just one short month it will be time for November general elections. With all the events that have transpired this year politically, it is important to know where the candidates stand on the issues. This year there are two major races in the state; that for Governor of Wisconsin and for the Senate seat currently held by Senator Ron Johnson. However there are other candidates, both Democrat and Republican, running in this election cycle as well.

We will start by looking at the Democrats that are running and then look at the Republican candidates histories with LGBTQ+ issues.

Note: The following information was compiled came from website supporting the candidates or the candidates own website as well as articles and interviews with the candidates.

GOVERNOR: Tony Evers (D, incumbent)

Governor Tony Evers has been and will continue to be a fierce and vocal ally to the LGBTQ+ community—especially our youth. From Governor Evers' first executive order on day one, providing comprehensive non-discrimination protections for state employees and contractors, to banning the use of state funds for the harmful practice of conversion therapy and expanding gen-

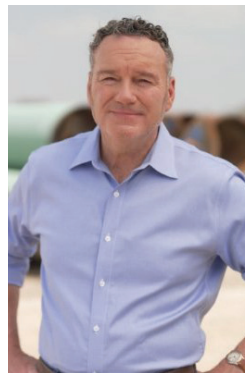


der inclusive language in state agencies and birth certificates, to raising the LGBTQ+ pride flag over the Capitol for the first time in Wisconsin history, Governor Evers has shown his unrelenting commitment to the LGBTQ+ community. Prior to his election as Governor, Mr. Evers demonstrated his unwavering commitment to safe, just schools for queer youth and youth of other marginalized identities as the Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction. Fair Wisconsin PAC is proud to endorse Governor Tony Evers to serve another term as Governor of Wisconsin and looks forward to continuing our partnership with him in standing up for LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites of all ages.

Tim Michels (R, challenger)

Michels has said he believes marriage should be "between a man and a woman" in wake of the leaked Supreme Court Roe v. Wade opinion suggesting a slate of other civil rights protections could be thrown out - including same-sex marriage. For over two decades, Michels' views have been consistent, after supporting a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage when he was asked about it during his 2004 bid for U.S. Senate. The Michels campaign did not respond to questions on whether he supports restricting LGBTQ+ materials in K-12 schools or what efforts, if any, he'd take as governor to restrict gay rights.

"All Wisconsinites, regardless of their sexual orientation, deserve safer neighborhoods, better schools, a functioning



government, and an end to skyrocketing inflation," said Anna Kelly, a campaign spokeswoman for the Michels campaign. "That is why Tim's running for governor, not to advance identity politics that seek to divide people into groups."

UNITED STATES SENATE: Mandela Barnes (D, challenger)

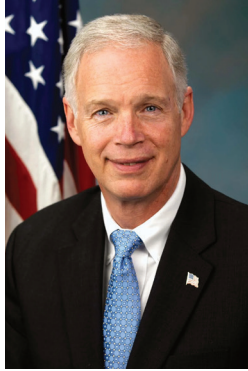
Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes has been an outspoken ally to the LGBTQ+ community since even before his tenure of public service. Mr. Barnes started his career as a community organizer with MICAHA in Milwaukee, organizing for civil rights. During his tenure on the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Education, then-Representative Barnes joined select committee members in leading the fight against the so-called bathroom bill which prevented transgender and non-binary students from using the restrooms and facilities which best align with their gender identity—through an 8+ hour hearing Representative Barnes stood with our students, preventing the bill from becoming law. Throughout their terms, Lt. Governor Barnes worked with Governor Tony Evers to advance equality through executive orders: advancing non-discrimination protections for state employees and contractors, raising the pride flag over the state capitol for the first time in Wisconsin history, banning the use of state funds for conversion therapy, and expanding gender neutral language in



state documents. It's far past time Wisconsin elects our first Black U.S. Senator—and sends Ron Johnson packing. We are confident Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes will continue to deliver results for the LGBTQ+ community and for the state of Wisconsin in the United States Senate.

Ron Johnson (R, incumbent)

Senator Johnson has touted his conservative values since day one. So its not surprising that it is near impossible to find any reference on any support for LGBTQ+ issues on his official campaign website. He was given a 7% (out of a possible score of 100) by the Human Rights Campaign on their recent scorecard for the 117th Congress.



Sen. Johnson has changed his stance on federal legislation that would codify the right to same-sex marriage, telling voters he would not support the Respect for Marriage Act “in its current state.” His remarks came about two months after he issued a statement that said he saw “no reason to oppose” the bill, which would require that someone be considered married in any state as long as the marriage was valid in the state where it was performed.

Speaking last August to a group of conservative voters in Wisconsin, Johnson told an audience member that he issued his July statement only “to get [the

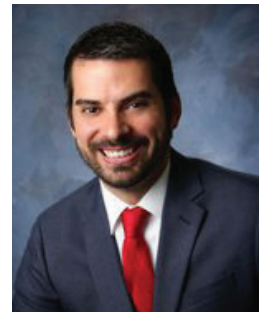
media] off my back” about the issue, according to audio obtained by Heartland Signal.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:
JOSH KAUL (D, incumbent)**

Wisconsin is fortunate to have a fierce LGBTQ+ ally as our Attorney General, Josh Kaul. AG Kaul has been a vocal advocate for LGBTQ+ equality and has taken real action to combat anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination, including introducing legislation to strengthen civil rights enforcement options through the Department of Justice. Over the last week AG Kaul has taken a stand and announced his office will not prosecute doctors for performing abortions, in addition to joining the state lawsuit with the Governor to ensure that the right to privacy and bodily autonomy, which are so critical for the LGBTQ+ community, are legally protected. Fair Wisconsin PAC is proud to endorse Attorney General Josh Kaul for re-election and looks forward to another term as he continues to be a strong and visible ally to the LGBTQ+ community.



Josh Kaul for State Attorney General. While Toney hasn't said where he stands on LGBTQ issues, he has said he will follow the Law. In the case of the Wisconsin 1840 abortion ban law, he has stated that not only would he enforce that law and seek to prosecute offenders, he is seeking to step outside the bounds of AG and prosecute those in Wisconsin when their counties fail to. So if the is remains to be seen what he would do if gay marriage was struck down by the United States Supreme Court.



**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE:
Mark Pocan (D, incumbent)**

Fair Wisconsin PAC is proud to endorse U.S. Representative Mark Pocan for another term in Congress. Rep. Pocan is one of the nine LGBTQ+ elected members of Congress, Co-Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Caucus, and former chair and current member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Rep. Pocan played a key role in promoting, advancing, and eventually passing landmark legislation in the House, including the Equality Act which is a comprehensive nondiscrimination bill



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that adds sexual orientation and gender identity to federal civil rights laws, in addition to protections for women, people of color, and people of all faiths. Rep. Poca's fight to expand civil rights comes at a time when an unprecedented wave of anti-LGBTQ+ bills sweeps across the nation, and we know he will continue this fight as he continues serving the Second District of Wisconsin in Congress.

Erik Olsen (R, challenger)

Erick Olsen who was born and raised in Madison has no previous experience in public office. Nor does he explicitly talk about his stance on any LGBTQ+ issue on his website. "Our culture has wandered into a swamp of "political correctness" and "cancel culture" we must refocus on the



idea that free speech and vigorous debate should always be welcomed even when we don't totally agree." However, the "political correctness" and "cancel culture," he is referring to, have been tools minority communities (like LGBTQ+) use to speak out against hate speech and repressive rhetoric.

In another section he chastises protests and "acts of political violence," particularly acts of vandalism. On his website he states, "A lot of the problems that we are currently facing in this Country come from the fact that as a group we are not condemning political violence strongly enough. Political violence is like a disease, and there are no words strong enough to say that IT MUST STOP. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS UN-AMERICAN."

Again, these have been forms of protest that repressed and minority groups in the past have used to gain public voice to their cause. During the Black Lives Matter Protests of 2020, the acts of vandalism and violence that was scene was traced back to groups not as-

sociated with BLM. Many in fact were connected to conservative groups and alt-right groups whose mission it was to discredit the BLM movement.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE:
Gwen Moore (D, incumbent)**

Fair Wisconsin PAC is proud to endorse U.S. Representative Gwen Moore for another term in Congress. Rep. Moore started her career when the Defense of Marriage Act gripped the political main stage, canvassing on her beliefs that the 14th Amendment guarantees equal protection of the laws to all persons regardless of gender or sexuality, and regardless of whom they want to marry. Rep. Moore is a lifelong ally to the LGBTQ+ community, a member



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Duck, the Autumn Leaves are Beginning to Fall into Fall

Tick Tock, the two most precious commodities I've discovered? Time and Good Health! The lyrics to "September Song" are echoing too familiar into my inner voice. But we go on! It is October, the Social Season is in full whirl including everyone's all-time favorite - Halloween!

BombShell Theatre Company, the little theatre company that CAN, kicked off the month with their first fundraising gala at the charming **Sunset Playhouse** in charming **Elm Grove**. Announcing their upcoming Season II. So excited about: "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and "Sunset Boulevard". This Company maybe young, but they are fearless! These are two of my cherished favorites... alas, I regrettably turned down portraying both Miss Mona and Norma Desmond due to prior commitments. I was flattered to be asked.

Nat "King" Cole is swinging it up for **The Milwaukee Rep** at **The Stackner Cabaret** through **11/06**. You'll feel like you've turned back the hands of time, not only one hour in falling back to Daylight Saving (Saturday, November 5), but to the nights of Café Society. Perfect for an anniversary.

Have you booked your reservations for **The Rep's** "Titanic, The Musical" cruising until **10/23**? I might suggest you enjoy your cocktails neat (Hold the Ice) Bon Voyage! "Wife of a Salesman" rounds out the selections from **The Milwaukee Rep**, completing **11/06** at the **Stiemke Studio**.



Milwaukee's Chamber Theatre is housed at **The Broadway Complex**, neighbors with The Skylight Music Theatre, mostly utilizing the **Black Box Theater**, "Where Did We Sit on the Bus" by Brian Quijada, original music prepared by Klasik, Studio Theatre the ride is on till **10/23**.

Skylight Music Theatre really knows how to kick off a season... The Pop Music of Abba had their opening night, S.R.O. audience on their collective feet, dancing, clapping, humming, smiling, moving, and grooving! Yes, we were all transported to yesteryear once again and the fun of 1980's, on an exotic Grecian Island. It's hard to tell people's ages, but just guessing many folks who were in attendance were my contemporaries and could recall the songs of Abba as the soundtrack of their high school and university years. So carefree and wild, as is the story of the lead heroine and how she comes to closure after 20 years with a lifelong sacred secret! However, it's Broadway, so all's well that ends well,

with a Disco beat! We're all enduring some not so pleasant times out there... this just may be an escape we all need, and by far more budget-friendly than a Grecian cruise. I fell, all over again, in love with *Mama Mia*, maybe you will too. See for yourself playing through **Sunday, 10/16** at **The Cabot Theatre, The Broadway Complex**, on Broadway in The Historic Third Ward.

The Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) "Always New, Paris, the 1800's and the Works of Jules Cheret". Jim and Susee Wiechmann have generously donated their incredible collection (over 600 French Poster Collection) to MAM. This breath-taking exhibit is concluding **Sunday 10/16**. I encourage you to turn out and enjoy the look – it is not just the posters, but the feeling of France. The posters, props, sets are so tasteful. Again, another affordable escape. True confession time, I have visited this show in the four-month life, seven times! And purchased the book!

The Grant Heffelfinger Memorial Big Gay 5 K Walk/Run at **Veteran's Park/The Lake Front** on **Sunday, September 18th** was phenomenal! Over 200 Athletic Stars turned out, turned on and ran, walked, participated! Bravo! Matthew, JJ., Matthew, and Brett were just a few of the top runners I recall from my ever-faulty memory. Pathfinders, Kohl's Department Store, and Brad Yates, Realtor, KW, The Water Man all donated time, talents, and treasury to enhance. Props to **The Milwaukee Gay Sports Network (MGSN)** for another successful event.

A post party at **Hunty's of Hamburger Mary's** was a hoot. Everyone had a chance to toast the achievements at every level! John and Judy, Grant's parents were so touched. Their love and devotion to their son is so touching. What an honor for me to be asked to femcee.

Ascent Wellness, where **Grant Heffelfinger** was so devoted in assisting handicapable people learn how to use a gym and get into shape, is located at **440 West Vliet Street**, adjacent to the ever-popular, ever-growing nuevo Deer District (also the future new home of the ever-popular Milwaukee Public Museum). Since Grant's untimely death earlier this year, his business partner, the dreamy Tony Langtim and wife Catia Figueiredo and colleagues at Ascent, want to honor Grant and keep his mission/passion alive. A fund raiser will take place **Saturday, October 8th**. The facility will conduct tours from **1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** and then from **5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** a D.J. (Jessica), bar, hors oeuvres, and a show – featuring Belly Dancers, Goldie Adams, Maple Veneer, Peachez Dior Benzova, Karen Valentine, and Mr. La Cage, Mr. Easton Boyd, A Party! All uniting in Grant's bright vision and memory.

Double your pleasure, double your fun with not one, but two **Sunday Fun Day Show Tunes** at **Club Charlies** in **The Historic Third Ward** on **Sunday, 10/09** and **Sunday, 10/30** (Lets dress to impress in Halloween 2022) Bradley Fell starts around 2:00 p.m. with music, Karen Valentine arrives around the 3:00 p.m. hour. What fun we'll have, what fun we Always have – for **10/09** "*Mama Mia*" will be in the neighborhood at **The Skylight** and **10/30** is **Halloween Eve!**

As predicted in prior columns, **The Silver Fox of Song** has returned... Yes,



Dr. Gino DeLuca, the Wizard of the 88 keys is in dry dock until mid-November. Gino and Karen Valentine will have a return engagement where it all started at **This Is It!** on **Monday, October 10**, a.k.a. Indigenous People's Day (nee Columbus Day). Many folks have the day off and are free, so come play with us. We will be doing "our thing", piano, song, and banter – all live at **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Karaoke with Mr. Raspberry to follow!

Maple Veneer and **Karen Valentine** are back at it again in their third season with La Cage's "Bosom Buddies" Saturday, 10/15/2022 5:00 p.m. Don't be afraid, you've nothing to fear! Come be bewitched!

This year, with much thanks to Nicole Kurth of UWGB (The University of Wisconsin Green Bay), I will be celebrating the high Holiday of Halloween with the frightfully talented Goldie Adams, Maple Veneer, Madame Tuck, and Company in Green Bay! Exhale, we're not taking on the Green and Gold! Beyond thrilled to be Headlining in "Halloween IV" A Drag Show Friday,

October 28th 8:00 p.m. The Weidner Center For The Performing Arts, A Celebration for The University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. All are invited and welcome, please bring one and all! This extraordinary venue, described as The Carnegie Hall of the Midwest, hosts not only Green Bay but Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, and Krees Events Center.

Adding to all the extravaganza, will be Madame Tuck offering her own special rendition of "Drag Queen Story Hour". So heat up your Fall with a motor trip to the Land of Lambeau as the Glamazons invade.

Halloween is Monday, October 31st this year and The Skylight Music Theatre has the solution for what to do for fun riddle "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"! Toast anyone? 7:30 p.m. with a Live Shadow Cast!

Feeling sometime the need to make your own kind of music? Not just listen, watch, sing-along in the car or in the shower? My suggestion? Our Voice Milwaukee, Chorus for Gay Men and Allies. Now that COVID is behind us a bit, singing and group singing can proceed. And what's so great about a choral arrangement is you are surrounded with other voices, remembering lyrics, keys, tone and helping you sing your song. The Chorus is back on the risers and making a joyful sound. They're always looking for new members if you would like to give it a go... or, on the other side of the foot lights, they are always looking for listeners, an audience. So come and give them a listen. Who knows, you may be up there! Going back a couple of decades, proud to share I was an origi-

nal member of the very first Gay Chorus in Milwaukee, Fest City Singers circa March, 1985.

In need of sprucing up the palace before the Holidays? It's a wonder what pillows, throws, and few updated pieces can give your place a lift. Shop locally, small business, try Residence Interiors. Residence has a new interior of their own, they've moved, they can now be found at the Colby-Abbot Building 330 East Mason Street. Just across the street from the tasty Zarletti's on Mason. A new room, new inventory, and the classic owners you've come to know and trust: Kerry Shannon and Michael Patrick McKinley, have them perform a facelift this fall for your home!

This time of the year when you are so busy doing and being everything for everybody ... do something for your body! Massage! Back In Balance Therapeutic Massage 2695 South Calhoun Road New Berlin Offering: Relaxation, Swedish, Hot Stone, Therapeutic, Deep Tissue, Pre Natal, and Sports Massage for: 30 minutes, 1 hour, 90 minutes, and/or 2 hours 262-309-1922, I had Massage Therapist Heather and highly recommend her. BackInBalanceWI.com.

Remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar as I remain *Still Cordially Yours, Again!*

Candidates for Queer WI

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of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Caucus, co-sponsor and outspoken advocate for the Equality Act, a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, a member and former whip of the Congressional Black Caucus, and a member and former Co-chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus.

Tim Rogers (R, challenger)

Tim Rogers in a local activist in Milwaukee's African American community as well as a Republican candidate challenging long-time U.S. Representative Gwen More, for about the second time,



the first being in 2020.

Much like the other conservative Republican candidates on this list Rogers has no official stance regarding queer and transgender individuals. Rogers focus is the intercity and the African America population. With Queer men and women of color being a part of that community as well, you would think he would address them one way or the other. Especially transgender women of color who are frequently the target of violence in the intercity.

On his website he under issues he does list universal school choice, criminal justice reform, clean water, and lowering taxes.

Wisconsin's general election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. No matter which candidate you vote for please remember to vote.



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Compassionate Clinical Services
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(414) 839-1821
<https://www.compassionateclinicalservices.com>

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Milwaukee, WI 53202
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<https://creamcityfoundation.org>

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(414) 390-0444
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Racine, WI 53403
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