

August
2024

*Hello,
Fabulous
Volunteers!*



VOLUNTEER CONNECTION



Upcoming Events

Spencer Pride commUnity center
17 E. Franklin Street, Spencer

**Annual
Volunteer
Meeting**

Sunday

**August 4,
2024**

**WE'D LOVE
TO SEE YOU!**

**Volunteer Meeting
this Sunday, 4 PM**

In-Person or
Via Zoom



Spencer Pride is thrilled to share the link to the video that focuses on our day of eclipse programming! Thanks to the Simons Foundation for their support of our work and for funding the development of this awesome video!

<https://www.simonsfoundation.org/2024/06/27/watch-drag-queens-community-and-the-total-solar-eclipse/>



Rainbow Birders is excited to announce the first of our "Rainbow Birders on the Road" trips: Weekend at the Dunes! We will be exploring fabulous destinations in the Indiana Dunes National Park and State Park, as well as a trip to the Celery Bog in West Lafayette. Many of our hikes take place on the official "Indiana Birding Trail." The bird-filled outing will take place September 13-15.

Visit our [Eventeny](#) site for all the details about this fabulous weekend in Northwest Indiana. On the site, you can get information on registration, accommodations, transportation, and food.

If you have more questions about the event, please contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org.

Keep in mind: space is limited! We encourage you to join our flock today!

Off Night Productions presents "Steel Magnolias," on stage August 11-13 & 18-20 at the Waldron Auditorium in downtown Bloomington.

Step into the glittery, glamorous sanctuary of Truvy's beauty salon in 1980s Chinquapin, Louisiana, where six of the town's most beloved women share jokes, advice, and unwavering support. This hilarious and touching tale showcases the power of female friendship to keep us laughing and inspire us to face life's toughest moments.

Starring local artists including Greta Lind, Maria Walker, and Maggie Lynn Held! Tickets are on sale now through the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office. Find tickets and learn more at <https://offnightproductions.org/>

Steel Magnolias
together through laughter & tears
by Robert Harling
AUGUST 11 - 13 & 18 - 20
at the Waldron Auditorium

Tickets available at the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office

IRIS
for LGBTQ+ youth and allies ages 10-19

TIE DYE WITH US!
Wednesday, August 14th
at 5 pm - Bring a t-shirt

Spencer Pride community center
17 E Franklin St, Spencer, IN

MONTHLY PROGRAMMING

BANNED BOOK CLUB

A group for lovers of books - including those "banned" for controversial content.
Meets at 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday (also virtually)
Contact Julie@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group: **BANNED Book Club**

Rainbow BIRDERS

A group for people who love birds and want to explore our natural world
Meets for outings on the 3rd Saturday
Contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group: **Rainbow Birders**

DANCERS

A group for people who love dancing and want to learn it and do it whenever they can
Meets at 6:15 PM on Thursdays
Contact Jacob@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group: **Spencer Pride Dancers**

GRIEF HAVEN

A spousal grief support group for members of the LGBTQ+ community & allies
Meets at 5 PM on the 1st Wednesday
Contact Judi@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group: **Spencer Pride's Grief Haven**

IRIS YOUTH GROUP

A group for LGBTQ+ teens and allies (10-19) to connect, support each other, and have fun
Meets at 5 PM on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday
Contact Joy@SpencerPride.org for more info
Follow us in
Instagram: **SpencerPrideYouth**

Monthly VOLUNTEER Meeting

A group for people who want to improve the quality of life for rural LGBTQ+ people
Meets at 4 PM on the 1st Sunday (also virtually)
Contact info@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group: **Spencer Pride Volunteers**



Rainbow Family CONNECTION

A social group for families with LGBTQ+ members

Meets regularly
Contact Jonathan@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group: **Rainbow Family Connection**



Rainbow SUNDAY CIRCLE

A group for people who wish to live a more peaceful, joyful, and loving life

Meets at 4 PM on the last Sunday
Contact Karen@SpencerPride.org for more info

All monthly programs are free to participate and require no advanced registration.

We also host routine health & wellness services and monthly educational programming, in addition to annual events like the Spencer Pride Festival. For more information, ask a Spencer Pride volunteer or contact us at info@SpencerPride.org



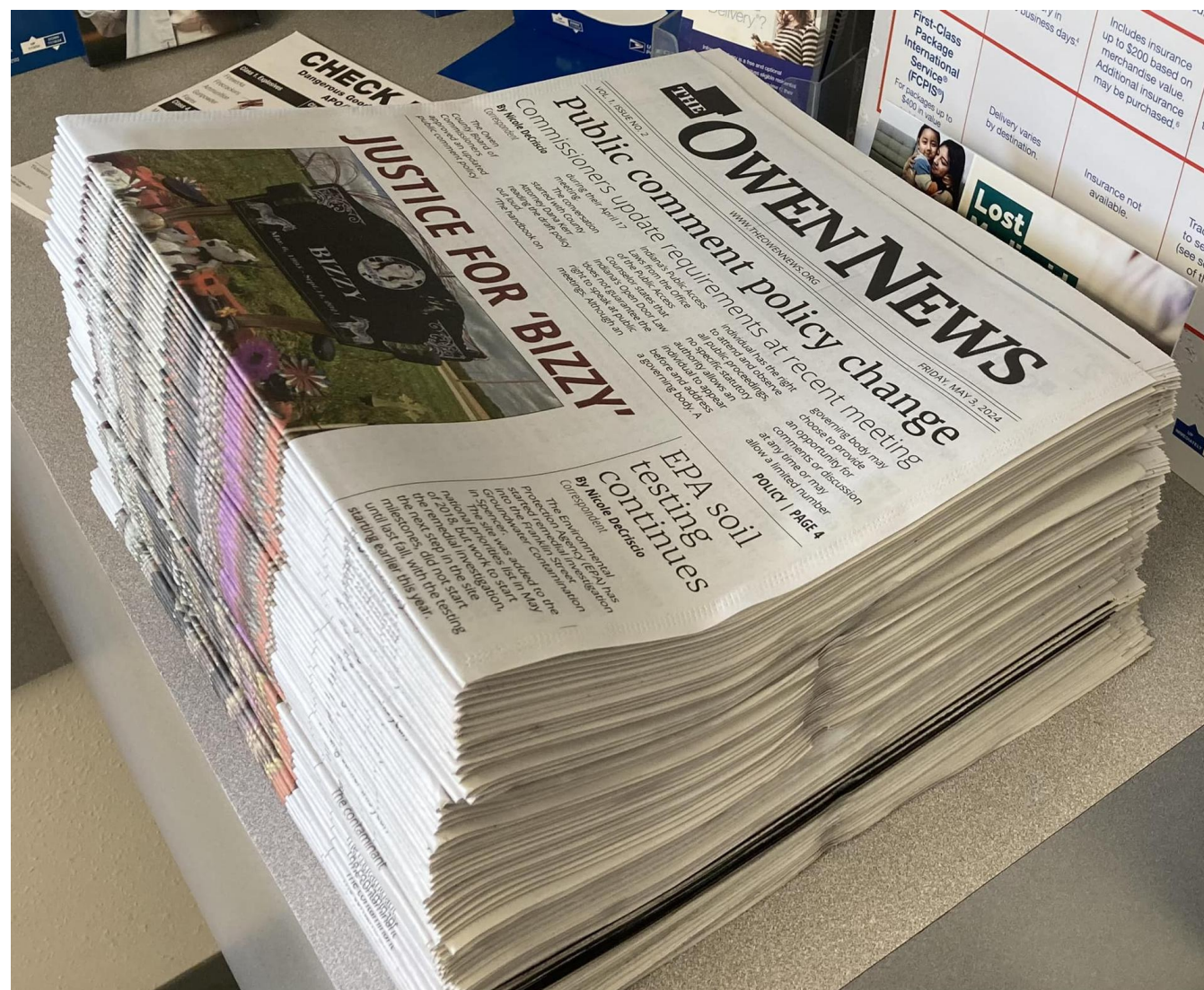
Did you know that the first penny press (a.k.a. a penny smashing machine) debuted at the Chicago's World Fair in 1893? Since that time these unique machines have popped up around the world and are highly sought by tourists and collectors alike. What does a penny smashing machine do? Well, it should come as no surprise that it smashes pennies. It does so while also imprinting a special design into the coin. Children of all ages love to crank the handle and feel the pressure build as the penny is compressed and imprinted.

Spencer Pride is proud to host Owen County's only penny smashing machine, which has arrived just in time for the eclipse! The Spencer Pride machine features 5 designs, each featuring a special place in Spencer. The penny smashing machine was sponsored in part by Babbs, the Historic Tivoli Theatre, McCormick's Creek State Park, and Sweet Owen Convention & Visitors Bureau. Each coin takes 4 quarters and one penny (just \$1.01 for an awesome souvenir!).

Come get the latest copy of [The Owen News](#) at the commUnity center!

We are open Wednesday through Sunday 10 am until 7 pm.

Support your brand new local news organization!



Did you know you could help support Spencer Pride while you are shopping?




COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE FOR Q1 2024

YOU CAN HELP!

1. Register your existing Kroger Plus card, or create a new digital card at: <https://www.kroger.com/signin>
2. Under your Kroger Profile > go to Community Rewards > Enroll:
3. Search **EU230** to find Spencer Pride.



29 households



\$69 donated

To learn more about linking your Kroger Rewards Card to Spencer Pride: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

ROUND UP WITH WALMART

If you shop Walmart online or use the mobile app, you can round up for Spencer Pride.

1. Go to www.walmart.com
2. Sign into your Walmart account
3. In your Account profile, go to the Manage Account section and go to Giving & impact
4. Select Local Charity (or Change Charity) and search for Spencer Pride, and finish confirming your charity.
5. In the next section, double-check the Round Up toggle is switched on.

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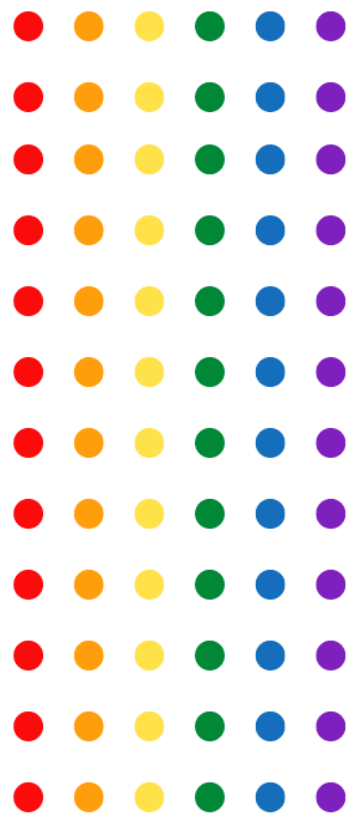


We are incredibly thankful for our sustainers! These amazing supporters give at a regular interval to cover 75% of the commUnity center's monthly operation costs.

Our goal for 2024 is to grow our Sustainer program to cover 100% of our center's operating costs.

To become a Sustainer, reach out to our Fundraising Director, Elisabeth Solchik, or you can start the process on our website:

<https://spencerpride.org/donate/>



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Thank You

2024 SUSTAINERS




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*Board of Directors



Open Shifts

Text or call Jacob
at 812-821-1442,
or watch our Facebook
Volunteer group for
posts announcing
opportunities!



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For more information about our Board of Directors, please scan here:



our mission

At Spencer Pride, our mission is to improve the quality of life for rural LGBTQ+ people in South Central Indiana by:

- fostering allyship and understanding through education and advocacy,
- creating safe spaces that support both physical and mental well-being, and
- addressing social inequities that stem from the unique intersectionality of queer and rural identities



our vision

At Spencer Pride, our vision is to leverage our diversity and privilege in order to cultivate an inclusive community of compassion and celebration for rural LGBTQ+ people.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

A commUnity center Sponsor provides much needed support to assist with our current programming as well as with our future building expansion and programming that supports the LGBTQ+ community.

If you or someone you know would like to be a Sponsor, click [here](#) for more details!

Thanks again for your support!

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