

September
2024

*Hello,
Fabulous
Volunteers!*



Upcoming Events



Volunteer Meeting

Sunday

September 8, 2024

New support group coming this month

Are you an LGBTQ+ adult looking for support? We are here for you! On Saturday, September 28, we are launching the pilot of Queer Space, our new peer-led social support group. The first gathering takes place at 3 PM at the Spencer Pride commUnity center meeting room. We invite you to join us for this exciting new program!

Queer Space
Social Support Group
A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE
a social support group for LGBTQ+ adults (18+),
launching Saturday, September 28 at 3 PM

- Free event**
- In-person only**
- Wheelchair-accessible**
- Contact us for further accessibility info**

SPENCER PRIDE
commUnity center

Dungeons and Dragons coming to Spencer Pride

Launching soon!



Rainbow ROLLERS

A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

Know someone interested in joining an affirming Dungeons & Dragons campaign? Contact Phillip@SpencerPride.org for info.

Launching soon: an inclusive D&D group at the commUnity center! The Rainbow Rollers will meet on the first and third Sunday of each month at 2 pm, starting in September. Contact Phillip@SpencerPride.org for more questions.

Rainbow Birders: Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge

Please mark your calendars for our September 21 outing to the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge in Seymour! Muscatatuck NWR is part of the Indiana Birding Trail and is designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by the Audubon Association! Check our Facebook group for updates! Contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org for more information!



Muscatatuck
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

TO PARTICIPATE:
Meet at Spencer Pride commUnity center at 7:15 AM, or directly at the park at 9 AM. Pack a lunch as we expect to return at approximately 2 PM.

Saturday, Sep 21

Free event
In-person only
Wheelchair-accessible
Contact us for further accessibility information

For more information, contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org



What should I expect at Muscatatuck NWR?

- ✓ Trails that are flat or mostly flat
- ✓ Restrooms available
- ✓ Some walking and a lot of caravanning in vehicles

Muscatatuck Checklist

- ✓ Binoculars
- ✓ Sturdy waterproof shoes or boots
- ✓ Insect Repellant
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Your Rainbow Birders Card (if you have one - if not, we'll give you one!)

Rainbow BIRDERS
A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

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Apple Picking with Rainbow Family Connection

Join Rainbow Family Connection for a fun afternoon of apple picking at Anderson Orchard. Open to all ages and free apple picking supplies will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Contact
Ben@SpencerPride.org
for more details.

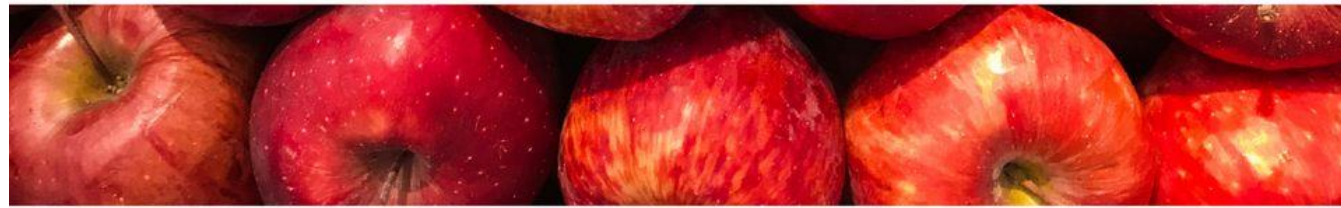
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Rd, Mooresville, IN
46158

Join us for our fall event!

Rainbow Family CONNECTION

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Apple Picking



at Anderson Orchard in Mooresville

Free event
In-person only
Not wheelchair-accessible
Contact us for further accessibility information

Sunday, September 29, 2pm

For more information, contact Ben@SpencerPride.org

Dementia Friendly Organization Training

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September 28th @ 11am
Golden Discovery Ballroom



Dementia Friendly Indiana is on a mission to better support people living with dementia and their care partners in our communities. Attendees of this session can expect to learn about changes in Dementia and how to better adapt environments and communication so that all can succeed and continue to be active parts of our community. Join us and learn how you can help Owen County become more Dementia Friendly! Reach out to Clay@SpencerPride.org to request Zoom information.



How you can participate:



In-Person & Online

Accessibility Info:

Not Wheelchair & Motorized Scooter-Friendly

Planning for the Future of your Adult Child with Disabilities

Estate planning is hard. Estate planning is more difficult when you have an adult child who is not fully independent. How do you provide for them? Who will help them? What will the system options look like? How it can go wrong. Each person is unique in their needs and the way they are addressed are also unique. Intellectual Disability? One system available. Mental Health? Another system available? Both? It's a fight between systems. Physical disability? It's again often a fight between systems. Learn what you can do now to open the doors for help for your loved one. Reach out to Clay@SpencerPride.org with questions or to request the Zoom link.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR ADULT CHILD WITH DISABILITIES

November 9th @ 11AM
Spencer Pride Meeting Room

How you can participate: **In-Person & Online** Accessibility Info: **Wheelchair & Motorized Scooter-Friendly**

Coming in 2025: The Roles of POA, Guardians, and Executors

YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT? THE ROLES OF POA, GUARDIANS, & EXECUTORS.

May 10th @ 11AM
Spencer Pride Meeting Room

How you can participate: **In-Person & Online** Accessibility Info: **Wheelchair & Motorized Scooter-Friendly**

You know you need to plan for your future when you aren't able to take care of yourself. But it's easy to push that off because it's hard to imagine what that means. Who do you trust to pay your bills when you can't? Who will make your health care decisions? Who will be your Trustee? Who will be in charge of your will? What if they aren't the same person? When do they get access? Have you ever wondered what happens when someone dies in possession of a vehicle that was never transferred to them? What about 200? Learn what you can do now to make things easy on those helping you and less costly. Reach out to Clay@SpencerPride.org with questions or to request the Zoom link.

Festival Raffles

Spread the word that there will be a fundraising raffle at the Festival again this year! Our volunteers and supporters will be able to purchase raffle tickets AT the commUnity center soon.

This fundraising raffle is to support Festival efforts.

The drawing will occur at 6pm on October 5th and you don't need to be present to win these raffle items.

SPENCER *Pride* FESTIVAL



FRENCH LICK RESORT OVERNIGHT

Overnight stay for two at the beautiful French Lick Resort; includes breakfast.



HANDMADE QUILT

An award-winning Alaskan Rainbow quilt. This ~70" X 70" quilt was made with love by Julie Parmenter.



TWO SETS OF WATER PARK TICKETS

French Lick, IN
Santa Claus, IN
Two (2) tickets to Big Splash Adventure in French Lick, IN and two (2) tickets to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN



Purchase tickets in-person at the commUnity center soon!

Drawing will be at 6p on 10/5/24
You do not need to be present to win.

\$5/ticket
6/\$25
RAFFLE



OCTOBER 5 | SPENCER, IN

Dine and Donate at Civilian

SPENCER *Pride* FESTIVAL



DINE with PRIDE

Dine-in or carry-out and a portion of your order will support the Spencer Pride Festival!

#ReadytoSoar



WED, OCTOBER 2 | 11A - 9P

Join us on Wednesday, October 2nd any time from 11a to 9p at Civilian Brewing Corps for our dine to donate event to fundraise for Festival efforts. Dine in or carry out to show your support for Spencer Pride.

Annual Meeting



Earlier this month, almost 80 supporters gathered at the commUnity center to attend our Annual Meeting. We reflected on the success of the past year, shared upcoming plans, and accomplished some important business.

That business included approving our operating budget, awarding two scholarships to volunteers pursuing post-secondary education, and electing our slate of leaders. That slate included a new vice president. Elisabeth Solchik, who began volunteering two years ago and joined the board as fundraising director last year, was elected as VP.

We are excited for what the future brings, and hope you will continue supporting us along the way!



MONTHLY PROGRAMMING



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**



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**



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**



A spousal grief support group for members of the LGBTQ+ community & allies
 Meets at 5:30 PM on the 1st Wednesday
 Contact Judi@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group: **Spencer Pride's Grief Haven**



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**



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**



A social group for families with LGBTQ+ members
 Meets regularly
 Contact Jonathan@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group: **Rainbow Family Connection**



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.

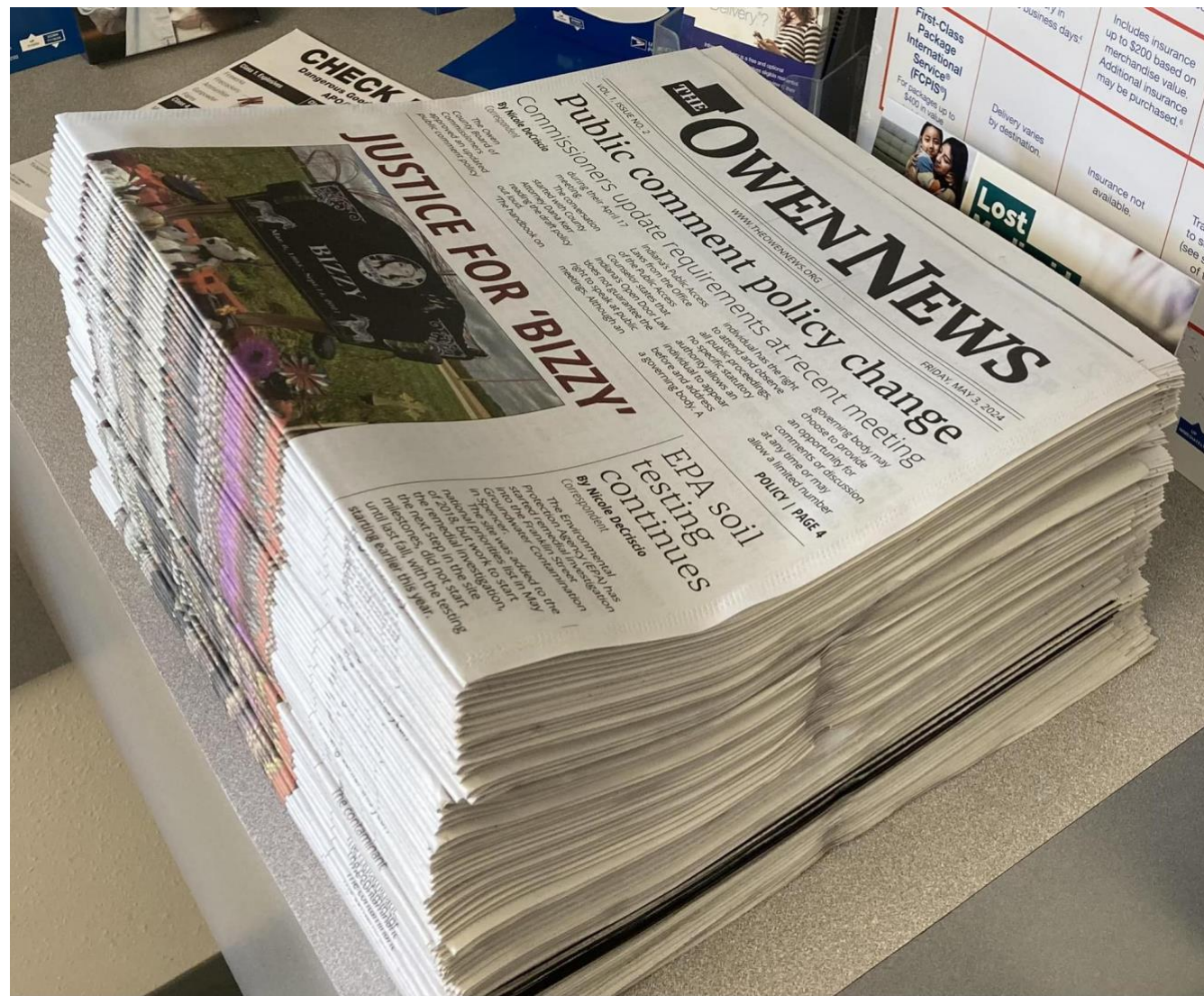
Spencer Pride is proud to host Owen County's only penny smashing machine, which has arrived just in time for the eclipse! The Spencer Pride machine features 5 designs, each featuring a special place in Spencer. The penny smashing machine was

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.

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.

WALMART.COM



29 households



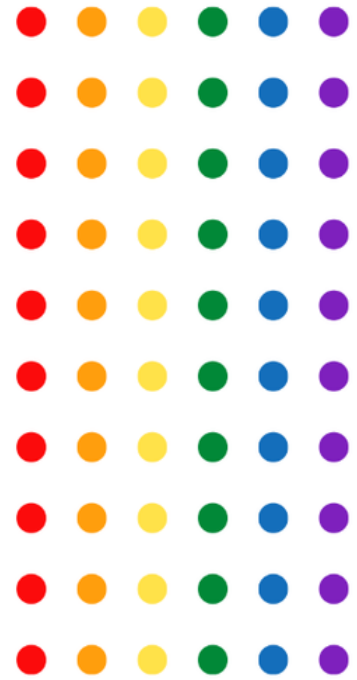
\$69 donated



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.

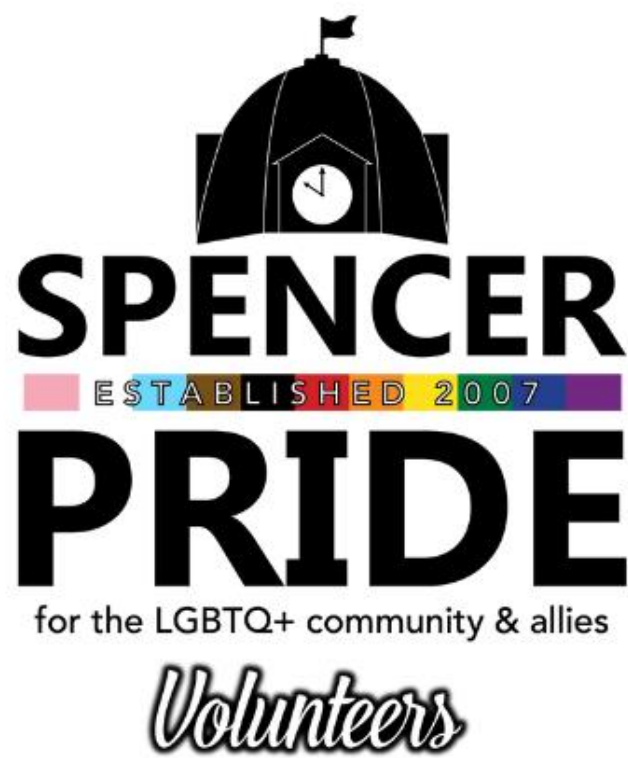
To become a Sustainer, reach out to our Fundraising Director, Elisabeth Solchik, or you can start the process on our website:
<https://spencerpride.org/donate/>



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 Felix McBeath
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Thank You **2024**
SUSTAINERS
*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!

