



March 2025

*Hello,
Incredible
Volunteers!*



Spencer Pride commUnity center
17 E. Franklin Street, Spencer

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!

**Volunteer Meeting
this Sunday, 4 PM**



In-Person or
Via Zoom 

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.



Support Lines

- **The Trevor Project**
 - Text **Start** to 678678
 - 1-866-488-7386
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
 - Call or text 988
- **SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline**
 - 1-877-360-5428
- **Substance Abuse & Addiction Hotline**
 - 1-844-289-0879
- **Trans Lifeline**
 - 1-877-565-8860
- **LGBT National Hotlines**
 - National: 1-888-843-4564
 - Youth: 1-800-246-7743

Rainbow Birders - Winter Events

- o Coming Out: 1-888-688-5428
- o Seniors: 1-888-234-7243
- **Middle Way House**
 - o 1-812-336-0846

If you know of other support hotlines that should be included, please email info@SpencerPride.org. As always, if you are in immediate danger, 911 should be your first option.

Monthly Programming



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A group for lovers of books - including those "banned" for controversial content.

Meets at 5:30 PM on the 4th Thursday (also virtually)
 Contact Julie@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!



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



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!

 A poster for Rainbow Birders Winter Events. At the top is the Rainbow Birders logo with a bird silhouette. Below it says "A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE" and "WINTER EVENTS" in large blue letters. The poster lists several events:

- SAT 1/11: IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A RAPTOR! NOW WHAT? (FREE SPECIAL EVENT)
- FRI 1/17 & SAT 1/18: BEAR RUN MINE (2 EVENING OPPORTUNITIES! FREE MONTHLY EVENT)
- SAT 2/15: GOOSE POND (FREE MONTHLY EVENT)
- SAT 3/15: LAKE MONROE FAIRFAX SRA (FREE MONTHLY EVENT)
- SAT 3/22-SUN 3/23: GOOSE POND (OVERNIGHT EVENT! BIG TIME BIRDING SERIES)

 At the bottom, it says "All events subject to change. Join the Rainbow Birders Facebook group and follow Spencer Pride on social media to stay updated on the latest event information. Contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org with specific questions." and includes a wheelchair accessibility icon with the text "Denotes events that are wheelchair-accessible".

Ambassadors of Wildcare

A poster for Ambassadors of Wildcare. It features a green tree frog on a branch, a turtle on a log, and a squirrel on a mossy log. The text says "SPENCER PRIDE commUnity center" at the top right, "Ambassadors of Wildcare" in large black letters, and "SATURDAY 3/8, 1 PM" in large white letters. At the bottom, it says "BROUGHT TO YOU BY" and lists three logos: Rainbow Birders, Iris Youth Group, and Rainbow Family Connection, all as programs of Spencer Pride.

Do you like nature and animals? Wildcare is an organization that helps injured and orphaned wildlife in our area. Join us on March 8th at 1:00 pm to hear a Wildcare ambassador speak to us about how we all can learn to help keep a balance between people and wildlife. We will have an opportunity to see some animals and to learn how Wildcare helps to protect local wildlife.

Grief Haven

Spousal Grief Support
A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

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!

Iris Youth Group

A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

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!

Rainbow Rollers

A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

An inclusive Dungeons & Dragons RGP group
Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday
Contact Phillip@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group!

Rainbow Family Connection

A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A social group for families with LGBTQ+ members
Meets regularly.
Contact Ben@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group!

Ambassadors of Wildcare



This is a FREE, all-ages, educational event involving a few of the fascinating animal ambassadors of Wildcare, a local wildlife rehabilitation organization.

Animals with fur will be present, so individuals with potential allergies should use good judgment about their participation.

NO ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. THIS EVENT IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. CONTACT US FOR ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION.



COMMUNITY Yoga

Launching March 12!



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

No registration required.

No experience required.

All abilities welcome.

Bring a yoga mat.

- Free event
- In-person at Spencer Pride commUnity center
- Wheelchair-accessible
- Contact us for further accessibility information

Monthly on the second Wednesday at 6:15 PM

For more information, contact Julie.M@SpencerPride.org

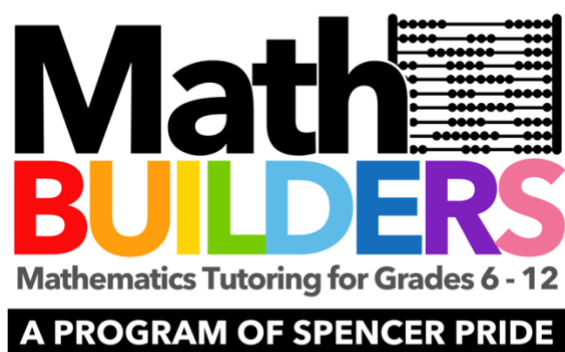
Introducing COMMUNITY Yoga - designed for all people of all abilities and with no experience required. This free program is being piloted on a monthly basis beginning March 12. It will take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:15 in the commUnity center's meeting room. Participants need to bring their own yoga mat. For more information, contact Julie.M@SpencerPride.org.



A group for people who wish to live a more peaceful, joyful, and loving life
 Meets at 4 PM on the third Sunday
 Contact Karen@SpencerPride.org for more info



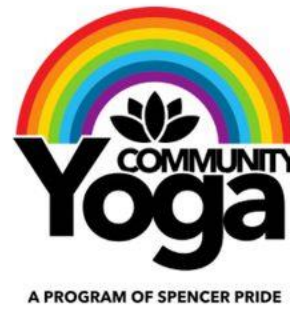
A social support group for LGBTQ+ adults
 Meets at 3 PM on the fourth Saturday
 Contact Erica@SpencerPride.org for more info



A tutoring group for grades 6-12
 Meets at 10 AM on Saturdays - visit our website for schedule
 Contact Andrew@SpencerPride.org for more information.



A group for people who quilt, scrapbook, paint, decoupage, or anything of the like
 Meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday from 5 PM to 7 PM
 Individuals bring their own supplies to work on a project while others do the same.
 For more information, contact Cat@SpencerPride.org.



What is COMMUNITY Yoga?

Connection through shared practice.
 Openness in embracing all abilities.
 Movement that meets you where you are.
 Mindfully practicing self-compassion.
 Unity in collective presence.
 Neighbors supporting one another.
 Inclusion for every body, mind, & heart.
 Togetherness in community spirit.
 Yoga as a path to wellness for all.

Reproductive Health Access in Our Times

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MARCH 22 @ 12PM
Spencer Pride Meeting Room

Presented by Meg Sasse Stern

SPENCER PRIDE Health & Wellness

During this 60-minute workshop, participants will receive tools and information regarding the current access landscape, specifically for abortion and birth control. This will be an organic, audience led discussion. We can be expansive and talk about gender affirming care, pregnancy care, and healthcare in general - but our presenter is cisgender, and not an expert on hormone therapy or many other aspects of gender affirming care. Our presenter has decades of experience in reproductive rights, health, and justice, and is an adaptive and engaging facilitator. Come as you are! Let's talk and learn together.
 Email Clay@SpencerPride.org with questions or to request Zoom information.

The Roles of POA, Guardians, and Executors

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.

The Owen News

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!



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.

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

COLLECT THEM ALL!

EACH DESIGN FEATURES A SPECIAL PLACE WITHIN SPENCER.

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!).



COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE FOR Q3 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>



30 households



\$69 donated

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



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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Become A Sustainer

We are incredibly thankful for our sustainers! These amazing supporters give at a regular interval to cover 50% 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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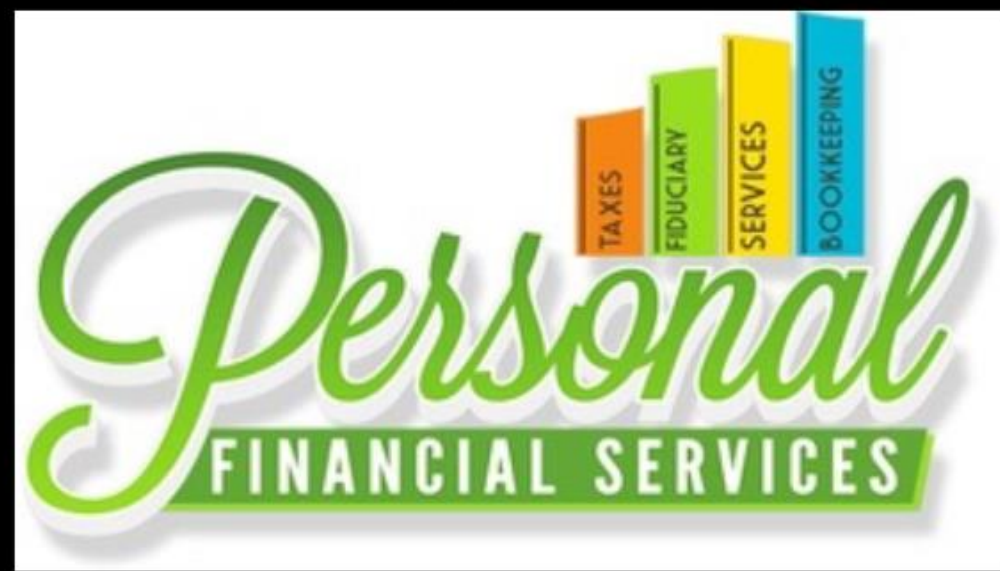
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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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!



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