



October 2025

**Hello, Incredible
Volunteers!**



Spencer Pride Festival Edition

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.





Spencer Pride Festival

#ThisIsTheMoment

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

12 - 7 PM
DOWNTOWN SPENCER

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
 - Coming Out: 1-888-688-5428
 - Seniors: 1-888-234-7243
- [Middle Way House](#)
 - 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

Dine with Pride October

We have two Dine with Pride events this month.

The first one will support our Festival. Head over to Civilian Brewing on Wednesday, October 1 between 11am and 9pm to participate.

The second one will support our programming. Head over to Pizza X on any Monday in October. More information can be found on our Facebook page too.

SPENCER PRIDE'S



**DINE with
PRIDE**



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

WED, OCTOBER 1 | 11A - 9P



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 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!



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!



DINE WITH PRIDE

carry-out or delivery
20% of every purchase will support Spencer Pride by showing our flyer in-person, or selecting Spencer Pride in your mobile order
www.pizzaxbloomington.com | spencerpride.org

**7 LOCATIONS
MONDAYS**

Festival After Party

after party

OCTOBER 4, 7:30 PM

21+ ONLY | ADMISSION \$15 IN ADVANCE / \$20 AT DOOR



**PURCHASE
TICKETS NOW!**



**Purchase
your tickets
today!**



Standard Admission

\$15 in advance; includes access to party at 7:30 PM, 1 complimentary beverage, and unlimited water

VIP Admission

\$25 in advance; includes early access to party at 7:15 PM, 3 complimentary beverages, and unlimited water

after party

OCTOBER 4, 7:30 PM



VOLLOWEEN PARTY 2025



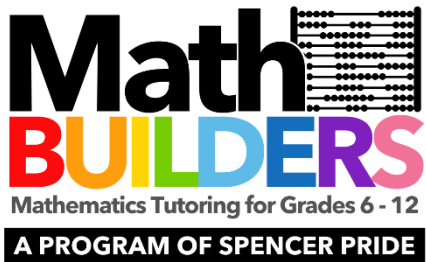
An inclusive Dungeons & Dragons RGP group
 Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday
 Contact Phillip@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!



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



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 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.



Festival Entertainment

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

12:30 PM KENNY & MARISSA

1:00 PM AFTERNOON DRAG SHOW HOSTED BY PAT YO WEAWE

1:30 PM BUBBA WIGGLES

2:30 PM KYNE: THE POWER OF MATH

3:30 PM DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME

4:30 PM QUARRYLAND MEN'S CHORUS

5:15 PM TIPSY TEASEDALE & FRIENDS

6:00 PM PRIMETIME DRAG SHOW HOSTED BY PAT YO WEAWE

KENNY & MARISSA

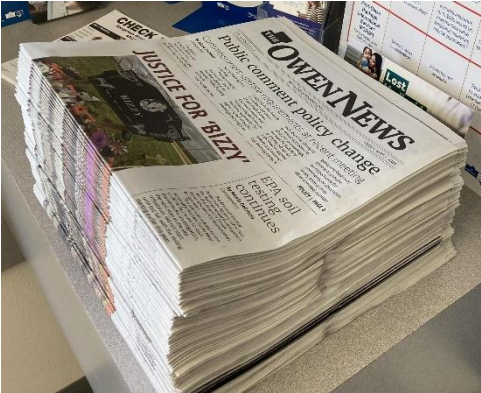
SATURDAY, OCT 4 AT 12:30 PM
 WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA | DOWNTOWN SPENCER

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!





Open Shifts

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



Rainbow Cruisers to the Caribbean



Sailing on the Celebrity Beyond
June 14 - 21, 2026





We're heading to the Caribbean in June 2026!
We invite you to join us for this week-long adventure featuring stops in Mexico, the Cayman Islands, and the Bahamas.

We are excited to announce Spencer Pride's next cruise! We will be sailing to the Caribbean on the Celebrity Beyond from June 14-21, 2026. The cruise is open to anyone who wants to support our work and experience Pride Month with us on the ocean! It is a family-friendly experience that is sure to offer something for everyone.

To register or get more details, scan the QR code or visit <https://spencerpride.johnheathttravel.com/>. For each stateroom reserved, Spencer Pride will receive a donation. Our 2024 cruise to Alaska helped us raise \$4,000, and we hope to exceed that amount in 2026.



AFTERNOON DRAG SHOW

HOSTED BY **PAT YO WEAWE**



SATURDAY, OCT 4 AT 1 PM
HISTORIC TIVOLI THEATRE | FREE ADMISSION

BUBBA WIGGLES



SATURDAY, OCT 4 AT 1:30 PM
WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA | DOWNTOWN SPENCER

AS SEEN ON "CANADA'S DRAG RACE" | AUTHOR OF "MATH IN DRAG"

KYNE



THE POWER OF MATH

JOIN US TO LEARN HOW MATH IS FUN, ARTISTIC, AND INCLUSIVE!

SATURDAY, OCT 4 AT 2:30 PM
HISTORIC TIVOLI THEATRE | DOWNTOWN SPENCER

Register today.

Cruise fee includes unlimited basic Wi-Fi, classic beverage package (with beverage tips), assigned stateroom, and all taxes and port fees.

Only a \$500 deposit required to register.

Final payment due March 14, 2026.



After registering, participants will receive routine updates from Spencer Pride and are encouraged to join the Spencer Pride Rainbow Cruisers Facebook Group.



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!).



DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME

FEATURING PAT YO WEAVE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 3:30 PM

SPENCER PRIDE COMMUNITY CENTER BALLROOM

QUARRYLAND MENS CHORUS



2025 SPENCER PRIDE FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY, OCT 4 AT 4:30 PM

HISTORIC TIVOLI THEATRE | DOWNTOWN SPENCER



2025 SPENCER PRIDE FESTIVAL

This is the Moment

PRIMETIME DRAG SHOW

HOSTED BY PAT YO WEAVE

SATURDAY, OCT 4 AT 6 PM

HISTORIC TIVOLI THEATRE | FREE ADMISSION

Festival Accessibility

Free Accessible Shuttle

Parking for People with Disabilities
Available Downtown!

ASL Interpreters Available
at Select Events

Low Sensory Zone
Lactation Room

Spencer
Pride
Festival

OCTOBER 4 | SPENCER, IN

This graphic features a vibrant rainbow arching across the top. A yellow accessible shuttle is shown driving along the rainbow. Below the rainbow, the text lists various accessibility services. At the bottom, the festival's name and date are displayed. The background is a soft, colorful gradient with white clouds.

Festival Health & Wellness

FREE!

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STI TESTING
Monroe County Health Department

HIV SCREENING
Indiana University Health
Positive Link
HIV Services

This graphic has a colorful, ethereal background with soft light rays. It prominently displays 'FREE!' in large, bold letters. Below this, it advertises STI testing and HIV screening services, listing the Monroe County Health Department and Indiana University Health's Positive Link as providers. A small festival logo is in the top right corner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 12-4 PM

FREE!

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BLOOD DRIVE

versiti™
Blood Center of Indiana

This graphic features a similar colorful background to the health services poster. It highlights a 'FREE! BLOOD DRIVE' in large, bold, white-outlined letters. The Versiti Blood Center of Indiana logo is positioned below the main text. The festival logo is also present in the top right corner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Festival Special Events



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SPECIAL EVENTS

WONDERFEST!

FREE STEM EDUCATIONAL EVENTS
FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES



THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE,
HEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

<p>WONDERFEST</p> <p>12-3 PM</p> <p>SPENCER PRIDE COMMUNITY CENTER BALLROOM</p>	<p>STEM ACTIVITY STATIONS</p> <p>12-6 PM</p> <p>ON MARKET STREET</p>
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Spencer
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SPECIAL EVENT



**Rainbow
BIRDERS**

A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

WONDERFUL PLACES TO BIRD




PRESENTED BY
**WENDY
WONDERLEY!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 4:30 PM
SPENCER PRIDE COMMUNITY CENTER BALLROOM

Festival Sweepstakes

*Alice in Wonderland
Bespoke Quilt* by Julie
Parmenter

Purchase sweepstakes tickets
in-person or online through
October 4



\$5/ticket
or
6/\$25



Spencer
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Festival Fundraising

Purchase sweepstakes tickets
in-person or online through
October 4



Spencer
Pride
Festival










Over \$1,400
in prizes!

\$5/ticket
or
6/\$25



Fundraising News



support
spencer pride
through corporate
MATCHING

EIN: 26-2197732
ASK YOUR HR/BENEFITS REP FOR
MORE INFORMATION!

Matching gift programs are just one of the many types of corporate philanthropy initiatives that companies have, but \$4 – \$7 BILLION in matching gift funds are unclaimed each year!

PHILANTHROPY 101: When an employee makes a donation, they'll request the matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation. Companies usually match donations at a 1:1 ratio.



These philanthropy programs allow us to maximize the impact of our donations - ask your employer today to help make an impact in the Spencer community.

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



COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE
FOR Q1 2025

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.



34 households



\$66 donated

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

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 2025 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/>



BECOME A
Sustainer
TODAY!

Sign up today to join a special group of donors who are committed to making a difference in the lives of rural LGBTQ+ individuals in Indiana with reoccurring donations.
www.spencerpride.org/donate

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For more information about our Board, please scan here:



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!

Thank You 2025 Sustainers

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