

NW NEWS IN BRIEF

The Jungle Love A-Fair, held at SW 51st Street, will also feature live snake charmers, fire dancing, camel rides on the beach, more drag performances, activities for the kids, a pie-eating contest, and a whole lot more.

On September 18, from 4-6 p.m., the Historic Anchor Inn will host a Happy Hour with the Equity Foundation—one of the event's main sponsors, along with Surfside Resort—or you can hit up Dessert in Drag at Wine 101 from 5-7 p.m.

In short, Iris Pride is the place to be come September 18.

For more information about this bursting end-of-summer Pride fest, contact nicholel@lincolncity.org, or call 541-557-1110.

Visit www.oregoncoast.org for a detailed schedule of events.

TransActive Family Outreach and Support Group Established

TransActive Education & Advocacy, a Portland-based nonprofit organization, has established the TransActive Family Outreach and Support group for parents and family members of gender non-conforming and transgender children and youth ages 18 and under.

Beginning September 14 from 7-9 p.m., and recurring on the subsequent second Monday of each month, TFOS will provide a forum to share experiences with fellow parents and family of trans children and youth in a secure and supportive setting.

The meetings are free of charge to participating family members and caregivers, and TransActive staff and volunteers will be on hand to cover a variety of educational topics. Locations for the meetings will be provided upon registration.

Topics covered will include psychological health, providing a safe growth environment, gender self-expression and transition in school, protecting yourself and your child legally, medical options and guidance, and more.

For more information on TFOS, or to register to attend, call TransActive at 503-927-7052 or email them at family@transactiveonline.org. Additional information can be found online at www.TransActiveOnline.org.

Café Nell's One-Year Anniversary Clambake to Benefit Basic Rights Oregon

Following up from *Just Out's* business profile on Portland gay-owned Northwest hot spot Café Nell last issue, the "American version of a French brasserie" will celebrate its one-year anniversary in style on Sunday, September 13.

If you've got 15 clams, Café Nell is providing the real clams during an afternoon and evening outdoor clambake in the parking lot behind the café. \$15 is the suggested donation for admission, as all proceeds will

benefit Basic Rights Oregon. Your donation covers cocktails, wine, beer, food and entertainment by the Chapman Swifts.

"We're going 'all out,'" said owner Darren Creeley. "It's been a heck of a year for all of us. We not only want to celebrate the milestone of one year in Northwest Portland, but set the stage for an annual fundraising event to give back to the community that we've chosen to be a part of."

Creeley also gave a sneak preview of the event, citing sand dunes, clam diggers, fire pits and beach balls as anticipated focal points for the shindig. In short, it has the makings of one of the end of summer's best parties.

Legacy Health Care has been generous enough to provide parking for the event at NW 20th and Lovejoy, said Creeley. "So there will be plenty of parking available for people who come from across town. Or out of town.... We've already received several RSVPs from out-of-towners."

The clambake begins at 3 p.m., and shells shall be shucked until 9 p.m. RSVPs are appreciated by emailing clambake@cafenell.com.

Portland Gay Men's Chorus Receives Grant

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus announced it is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. For PGMC, one of the nation's oldest gay-identified choruses and an active part of the Portland community for almost 30 years, the grant couldn't have come at a better time.

Said the chorus' artistic director, Bob Mensel, via press release: "PGMC has strived to examine every penny we spend and make judicious cuts when possible. Still there are some areas, especially in regard to our artistic vision and outreach programs, where we definitely feel the pinch of the economic downturn."

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde through the Spirit Mountain Community Fund invests in programs and services that "promote self-sufficiency and inclusively," according to Director Shelly Hanson. The PGMC was singled out as "a shining example of a local agency that promotes diversity and understanding. It is an honor to promote the values of this outstanding organization," Hanson said.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund donates some \$4 million each year to local programs and services that benefit citizens striving for self-sufficiency.

This is the second grant the chorus has received from the Community Fund. PGMC will perform a free concert at Pioneer Square at 3 p.m. Saturday, October 3, as part of an LGBT Resource Fair on the square scheduled from 1-5 p.m. For more information on PGMC, visit www.pdxgmc.org, and to learn more about the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, head to www.thecommunityfund.com.

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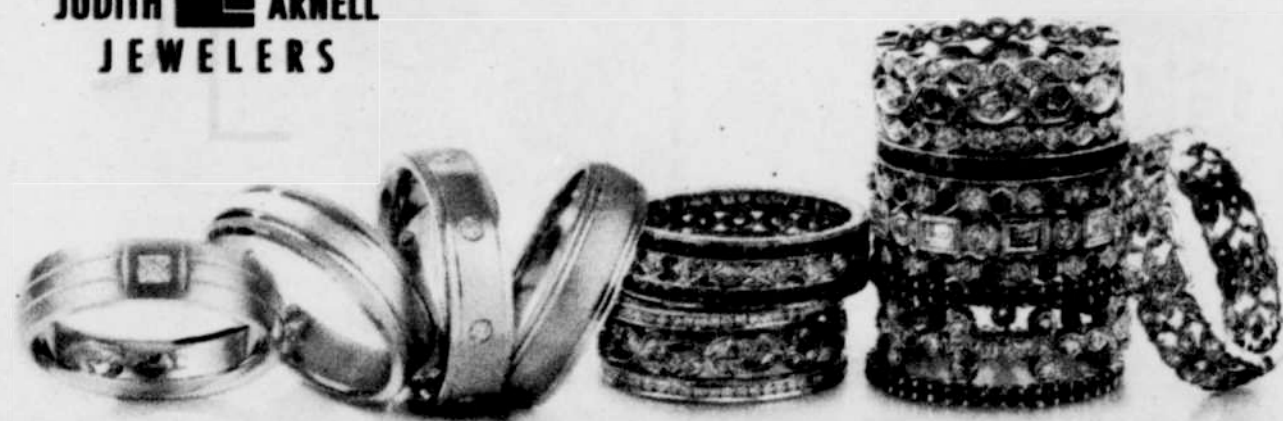
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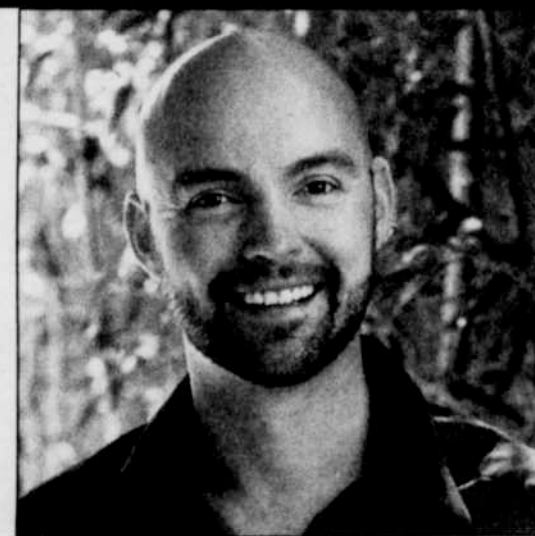
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