

# Mrs. Jake: Ten vie for nuptial notoriety

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — About 10 contestants from around the Northwest competed to be the new “Bride of Jake” at the ninth Jake the Alligator Man Birthday Party and Car Show.

Coordinated by Del and Wendy Murry, the annual event is a tribute to Jake — a leathery, vintage oddity and local tourist attraction that is alleged to be half-alligator, half-man.

Despite blustery weather, a large crowd turned up to enjoy live rock ‘n’ roll, hot rods and the Bride of Jake pageant.

This year, Megan ‘Whiskey Tango’ Higby of Centralia won Jake’s hand. Whiskey Tango describes herself as a “living figurehead” and performs in burlesque shows in Centralia and elsewhere.

The theme for this year’s contest was “Sea Monsters and Sea Hags,” and contestants dressed the part, with elaborate mermaid, swamp-thing and kraken costumes and makeup.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: First-place winner Megan “Whiskey Tango” Higby, Centralia, Wash. Kate “Cosmic Bombshell” Bardonski, Ocean Park, Wash. Sailor St. Claire, Seattle. Melanie “Millie Vermillion” Morar, Portland. Monica “Bombshell Blondie” Morley, Long Beach, Wash. More photos online at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com)



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