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S. Luc Smith and Leila Hofstein enjoy the support and solidarity found at this year's annual Trans Pride March held Saturday in downtown Portland.

Celebrating Pride *A week of events for families and all ages*

It's Pride Week and Portland Black Pride has joined the LGBT festivities with a week of events for families and individuals of all ages.

Sponsored this year by the PFLAG Portland Black Chapter, Black Pride promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community members, along with their friends and family. The festivities also work to offer support, education, and advocacy for gay rights.

The Black Pride Kick-off Party takes place Wednesday, June 17 at the Local Lounge, 3536 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The next night, Thursday at the same location, the annual Blackout Party will take over the Local Lounge, with a Black Power Hour celebration taking place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. to include drink and food specials, door prizes and more.

An "Ol' Skool" card party at the Local Lounge begins right afterwards at 8 p.m. and runs until 10



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PFLAG Portland Black Chapter members Terence Coleman and Keisha Boyd celebrate at Portland Black Pride 2014.

p.m., featuring free appetizers, hip hop and R&B, cash prizes, and a Spades and Bones tournament. Players must sign up by 8:30 p.m. to enter the tournament. A Black Out dance party starts at 11 p.m. and goes until 1 p.m., and will include more drink specials and feature the latest hip hop tunes.

A Paint it Black Party will be hosted at Oaks Park as a family fun day and will run Friday, June 19, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. All-ride passes will be available for \$5.

Portland's Q Center, located at 4115 N. Mississippi Ave., will host Real Talk: A Black LGBTQ Forum and Community Fair on Saturday, June 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The forum is free to attend. Community members can also ask to register tables for a community outreach fair. Participants will receive lunch and there will be guest speakers along with inspiring performances. Topics will in-

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