

Images from 2014



Early spring eel Dance at Willamette Falls ceremony for lamprey.



Mariah Stacona is crowned 2014 Homecoming Queen at Madras High School.



Dawn Smith speaks at the assembly held for her in May 2014.



Simnasho hosted the 2014 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow in March. There was too much snow in February, and the Thirty-Seventh Annual Lincoln's Powwow was pushed back a few weeks.



The Confederated Tribes and the Jefferson County School District 509-J opened the Warm Springs Academy in September of 2014. Here, Principal Glenna DeSouza and students cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

39th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 13 ~ 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

at the Community Center Gym and Social Hall



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Michael "Big Bird" Massad ~ April 27, 1951 – October 10, 2014

Michael "Big Bird" Massad passed away on Friday, October 10, 2014, at 11:45 a.m. surrounded by his loving family.

Michael was born on April 27, 1951 in Colville, Washington. That same year, he and his sister Patty were adopted by parents Paul and Alma Massad. The family relocated to Riverside, California where Paul worked as a Civil Engineer at March Air Force Base.

Mike grew up and

went to school in Riverside, graduating from High School in 1968. He lived in San Francisco for a few years, where he met his friend Anna Vigil and her daughter Trina.

Michael moved to Warm Springs in 1977 and worked at Warm Springs Forest Products. Anna and Trina soon joined him. They resided along the Deschutes River across from the mill.

Living next to the river Mike spent many hours fishing and providing delicious fish meals for his family. He

enjoyed spending his free time shooting pool, socializing with friends and his favorite pastime, fishing.

Many will remember his sense of humor and easy smile. He also enjoyed working with his hands doing beadwork and drawing. He was proud of his Native American roots, had many friends in Indian country and he considered Warm Springs his second home.

Michael moved from Warm Springs to Portland in 1980 where he met his wife



Helen Sloan and her Family. He worked in construction, doing many projects in the Portland area.

He was a skilled craftsman and an expert in carpentry, painting, flooring, plumbing, landscaping and remodeling.



Before his passing, Michael was enrolled at Portland Community College-Cascade, where he was pursuing a degree in Marine Biology.

He was also an active member at the Community Church of God, where he was an usher, sang in the

choir, and assisted with other duties.

He will be missed by his wife Helen Sloan-Massad; his daughters Zanetta Massad, Ebony Sloan-Clark, Simone and Lynessa Massad. Sons: Alexander Massad, Jerome and Rahsaan Sloan and Christopher Sloan-Washington. Sisters: Patty Smith, Jean Aldridge and Joyce Massad; and 14 grandchildren who called him "Pa Pa" and many Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and other Family Members and Friends.

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