

Howlak Tichum

Mary Dodds Schlick ~ 1925-2020

Mary Dodds Schlick passed away on March 17, 2020 at Rock Cove Assisted Living Community of Stevenson, Washington.

Mary was born on October 31, 1925 and was 94 years of age at the time of her passing.

Due to concern of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, friends are encouraged to leave a note or message of condolence for family at www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com. Mary's web guestbook will be updated with her future service details once determined.

Family is asking that in lieu of flowers that you make donations of money, food or assistance to the Fish Food Bank of Hood River or to your local food bank in memory of Mary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River.

Mary became interested in the basket-making traditions of the mid-Columbia River's Native peoples while living on the Warm Springs, Yakama and Colville reservations with her husband, a forester with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Although not a Native American herself, she gained the trust of several elder Indian weavers who generously shared their basket-making knowledge with her.

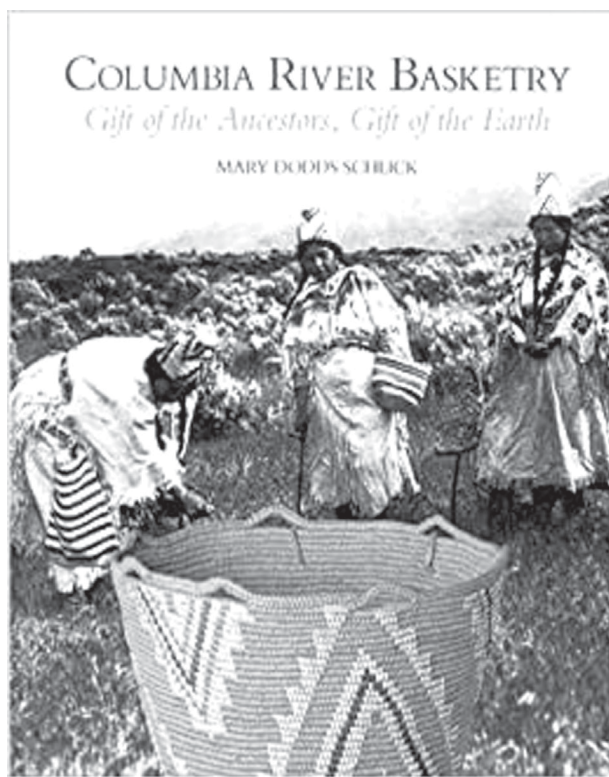
As her weaving skills improved, under the tu-



This photograph was taken by Nancy J. Nusz on February 8, 1991 to document Mary D. Schlick training apprentices (left to right) Pat Gold, Bernyce Courtney, and Arlene Boileau in the art of full-turn twining. The four women worked together through the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program of the Oregon Historical Society Folklife Program.

telage of artists like Julia Sohapp (Yakama), Schlick became increasingly concerned that the basketry traditions of the mid-Columbia's people were being lost.

Schlick took a special interest in reviving the art of full-turn twining, a rare weaving method mastered by basketmakers of the mid-Columbia. The last known maker of the traditional Wasco-style cylindrical baskets, Louise Van Pelt Sconawah Spino, died in 1971. Schlick first studied old baskets that had been preserved in private and museum collections, and after much trial and error, learned the basics of the full-turn twining technique. She then fine-tuned her understanding of the weaving tradition by talking with tribal elders who had observed the baskets being



made. In 1990, Schlick was awarded a grant through the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program of the Oregon Historical Society Folklife Program to teach the three

women. The apprenticeships were successful and the basketmaking tradition has been effectively revived on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Covid-19 cases grow in Indian Country as tribes push for action in Washington, D.C.

With the number of coronavirus cases in Indian Country growing by the day, tribes are pressing the federal government to abide by its treaty and trust responsibilities and ensure their communities are not left out of relief efforts.

The Indian Health Service was aware of 14 positive COVID-19 cases within the federally-run system. The number is significantly higher than the four that were known earlier in the week.

The positive and presumptive positive cases are spread across five IHS service areas. That means the coronavirus has impacted nearly half of Indian Country.

The Navajo Area, which serves the Navajo Nation, appears to have been hit the hardest. So far, the IHS there had seen three COVID-19 cases, with all of them coming from the same community of Chilchinbeto, located on the Arizona portion of the reservation, which is the largest in the United States.

Chilchinbeto is small—only about 500 people lived there in 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Though the local chapter house offers some health services, the three COVID-19 patients reported with symptoms to the Kayenta Health Center, which is about 24 miles away.

The Kayenta Health Center, an Indian Health Service facility in Kayenta, Arizona, has

been at the center of the COVID-19 outbreak on the Navajo Nation.

From there, the patients—a 46-year-old woman, a 40-year-old male and a 62-year-old male—were taken to facilities in Phoenix, off the reservation. That's where further testing has occurred, according to tribal and federal officials.

Altogether, the IHS had facilitated testing for more than 330 people, according to a tribal official who was made familiar with the data. Of those, 14 returned positive and 89 returned negative, meaning results are still in progress on the remainder of the cases.

IHS officials, however, have warned that the number of positive cases will surely rise in the coming days and weeks as the coronavirus upends daily life in Indian Country. More than 50 tribes have declared emergencies, including Warm Springs. More than 40 have imposed travel restrictions, also including Warm Springs, and dozens have attempted to close their borders to outsiders and non-residents in hopes of slowing the spread of the potentially dangerous disease.

With economic and social engines grounding to a halt, tribes are pushing the federal government—as their trustee—to live up to its obligations. So far, the U.S. Congress has responded by enacting two pieces of legislation to address the coronavirus pandemic.

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W.S. Housing Authority

Warm Springs Housing Authority is taking precautions due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

For the next three to four weeks, the Warm Springs Housing Authority staff will **not** be entering any homes to do routine maintenance or inspections. Emergency workorders for electrical and water issues will be addressed on a case by case basis during this time. All other repairs will be on hold until the pandemic warnings have passed. Please call in your workorders, they will be logged and completed in the order they are received.

The Housing Authority office will be on reduced hours with the office open to the public on Monday and Friday only.

No one at housing is sick right now but we want to ensure safety for our staff and the community.

The Housing Authority is responding with an abundance of caution for everyone in our community. Any questions or concerns please give Warm Springs Housing Authority a call at 541-553-3250.

Indigenous PACT launches COVID-19 support center

Indigenous PACT is launching an online information center in response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

This knowledge hub will supply daily progress reports, provide public health resources, tools tailored to tribal and urban audiences, and offer an exclusive ability to go behind the front lines with healthcare experts via video live stream in the Response Support Center to help provide real-time solutions to tribal communities. Washington State and

Seattle's healthcare systems are in the first epicenter, dealing with one of the largest caseloads of COVID-19 in the United States.

It is Indigenous PACT's intent to educate the Native community and the whole of Indian Country about this evolving situation.

Please visit our website for the latest updates from our team:

indigenuspact.com

Indigenous PACT provides oversight to the tribally owned clinic, which runs

a location in Auburn, Washington. Daily operations are ongoing in an area highly affected by COVID-19, enabling their clinics' healthcare experts to provide unique insights and lessons learned about this outbreak as it spreads across the United States.

The Live Support Center aims not only to educate, but also to provide a deeper look for tribal health programs, communities, governments, and leaders about developing best practices to prevent the spread of

COVID-19 and how a resilient healthcare system can fight back during the pandemic.

Indigenous PACT's CEO and Founder, Kurt Brenkus, says, "This is an unprecedented event in modern public health. We want our organization and our clinic to act as a resource for communities near and far."

"And on behalf of Indigenous PACT, I extend our gratitude to the healthcare workforce on the front lines during this trying and strenuous time."

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Please note: All hearings are conducted at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Ventures, Petitioner, vs Juanita Smith-Lopez, Respondent; Case No. CV42-19. TO: Juanita Smith-Lopez, Warm Springs Ventures:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CIVIL COMPLAINT has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this

matter at a hearing scheduled for the **27TH day of April, 2020 @ 4:00 PM**

L E E V I HERKSHAN, Petitioner vs DANNI KATCHIA, Respondent; Case No. DO123-19. TO: LEEVI HERKSHAN, DANNI KATCHIA, TASHA HERKSHAN: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW, MODIFICATION, SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the

Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **24th day of APRIL, 2020 @ 11:00 AM**

M I S T Y D A W N JENSEN, Petitioner, vs SUSAN WOMMACK, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO147;148-12. TO: M I S T Y D A W N JENSEN; SUSAN WOMMACK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUS-

TODY REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **15TH day of APRIL, 2020 @ 3:00 PM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Patrick Mitchell, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2013-PR21. To Carmen Mitchell: You are

hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2020 at 3 p.m.

appointed Valerie Squiempfen as administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Cori F. Yahtin, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR50. Notice is hereby given that Cori F. Yahtin, who at the time of his death last known residence was 7252 Schoolie Flat Rd., Warm Springs, OR, died on the 29th day of October, 2019, and the court has

In the matter of the estate of Theda E. Charley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2010-PR-18. To Alias Charley, Benjamin Charley, Caramiah Charley and Alveda Charley: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **April 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.**