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### *The Buffalo Nation*

The cover represents the traditional *Sičhǎǵu* medicine wheel. The four cardinal directions -- and the earth and the sky -- are each represented by a color and assigned a virtue. Ceremonially, prayers are begun facing the west, represented by the color black, and proceed clockwise through each direction through the south. Finally the blue universe above is acknowledged, as well as the green earth below.

The *Sičhǎǵu* depended on the buffalo for many things. Gratitude for the sacrifice that the buffalo made to sustain the *Sičhǎǵu* was expressed by adopting the buffalo nation as a relative.

The buffalo skull figures prominently in many *Sičhǎǵu* spiritual ceremonies. It is a reminder to the *Sičhǎǵu* that their spiritual aspirations were made possible only through the necessity of the sacrifice that the buffalo provided.

Thus, the secular and sacred realms of *Sičhǎǵu* life were centered around the buffalo.

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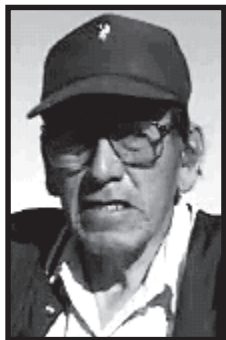
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## *LAKHÓTUYAPI*

*LAKHÓTUYAPI* is a word from the *Títȳwǵ Lakhóta*, more commonly known as the plains dwelling Sioux. *Lakhótuyapi* means “They speak *Lakhóta*”.



*Leo*

Leo Chasing In Timber provided the narrative for this demonstration of how the interactive multimedia CD-ROM could be used as a tool for learning the *Lakhóta* language. The footage was taped by Doug Boyd, *Field of Visions*, June 2000 at the Rosebud Sioux buffalo range on the Rosebud Sioux Indian reservation located in South Dakota. Although Leo’s full narrative is seven minutes long, the *Field of Visions* associates have put together this brief demonstration of how they can apply their experience, technological expertise and creativity towards preserving, protecting and promoting unique and priceless cultural resources of Native America.

Leo’s death in 2001 was a tragic reminder of the significant loss to the *Lakhóta* people that the death of each tribal member represents.

## *WÓLAKHOTA*

The *Lakhóta* occupy two of the three most economically impoverished counties in the U.S. Although their economic status could improve considerably -- were they to accept the settlement of over \$500 million dollars awarded to them by Indian Claims Commission for the Black Hills -- they have steadfastly refused to consent to this theft of their property. The Black Hills are sacred to the *Lakhóta*.

It is in the spirit of this *Lakhóta* recognition of those things that have real meaning and true value that inspired *Field Of Visions* to produce this CD-ROM for, indeed, the language that has sustained the *Lakhóta* through adversity still dwells within their hearts and flows through their veins. The spirit of *Lakhóta* words spoken in ancestral prayers still echo through the canyons of their sacred Black Hills.

The words of encouragement to each of the coming *Lakhóta* generations need to be *Lakhóta* words spoken from a *Lakhóta* heart.