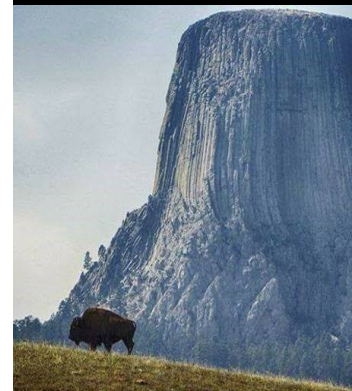




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### **Bio-Sketch:**

My name is Manny Claude Iron Hawk. I am an Ikce Wicasa or a common man of the Oglala and Howozu. These are two sub-bands of the Peta Sakowin of Titunwan; which is within the Oceti Sakowin (Seven Council Fires of the Dakota/Lakota/Nakota nation). My Lakota name is "Toka Akan'sa", meaning Takes a Straight Path Towards the Enemy. My mother is Goldie War Bonnet-Iron Hawk, Howozu, descendant from Naca Spotted Elk (Big Foot). His Thiospaye (extended family) is also known as Spotted Elk. My maternal Great-Great-Grandfather Ghost Horse was killed in the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890. My father is Oglala and his name is Claude A. Iron Hawk. My paternal Great-Great-Grandfather Running Buffalo, is from the Thiospaye (extended family) who called themselves the "Maspegnaka" (shiny medal on headband regalia). My Great-Great-Great-Grandfather "Chetan Maza", Iron Hawk and his brother "Zintkala Cikala" or Little Bird are warriors from the "Wazaza" band under Red Cloud, "Mahpiya Luta". They both fought for the Lakota way of life at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

I was born within the "Maspegnaka" Tiospaye in the mid-summer, the Moon of Black Cherries, i.e. the month of July. The area I was born at is known as Frazier, east of Red Scaffold, South Dakota. I grew up next door to my Grandfather Bill War Bonnet who had a cattle ranch. I am a Maspegnaka Tiospaye member, enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe, State of South Dakota citizen, and a United States citizen. My immediate family members include "Hasani" (meaning partner), Renee Fasthorse-Iron Hawk, children; Marques Iron Hawk, age 38, Carl Iron Hawk, age 37, Rochelle Bobtail Bear (Eric, Sr.) age 37, Irini (Larry) Lassiter, age 36, Bill (Allyn) Iron Hawk, age 33, Shotay Fasthorse, age 31, Michon Iron Hawk, age 21 and Claudia Iron Hawk, age 18.

In 2002, I graduated from the SiTanka/Huron University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a certification in Lakota Language Teaching grades K-12 from Oglala Lakota College in 2000. I have a Master's Degree from Sinte Gleska University graduating in August of 2013.

My field of study has been in Education, Education Administration and Lakota Language Teaching since my graduations. I was employed as a Teachers Assistant with the Title I program for eleven years. I then took a few years off to return to college to obtain a Teaching Degree. Then for several years I worked in Elementary Education & Jr. High as a teacher at the Takini School and Cheyenne Eagle Butte. After obtaining by Graduate degree I was employed at Takini as a Principal from 2013 to 2015. From 2015 to 2017 I worked as Adjunct Professor at Cheyenne River College Center, Oglala Lakota College. Presently, I am a Science teacher for the Junior High School at Takini School.

### **Community Service:**

I have been involved in many organizations and have served on various appointed and elected Boards with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and as a Ziebach county citizen. I have served on Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo/PteHcaka Board; CR Housing Board of Directors for sixteen years; Served on the CRST Policy Board and Hiring Board; CRST Police Commission; Served as District #2 Chairperson for three terms and Takini School Board; Served on the Telephone Authority Board for one term; 911 Board of Directors; Battle of the Little Big Horn Advisory Board; HAWK1890/Wounded Knee Survivors Advisory Board; Served on Tri-Community Development Board, and the Farm Service Agency Board; Served on the Sioux YMCA Board for twenty-five years. Presently I serve on the Missouri Breaks Community Advisory Group, Circle of Hope Curriculum Board, All Nation Healing Center Board and serve as a Frazier Memorial Church member.

My inspirations include being an Ikce Wicasa by following my Lakota values, Natural laws, Custom laws, and Spiritual laws. The meaning of belonging to a Tiospaye is; you know who you are, you know where you come from and you know where you're going and finally, seeking happiness everyday by overcoming hardships