

## Leo "Chico" Her Many Horses

## Inducted 2018 (Plaque #215)

Leo Her Many Horses began his coaching career in 1982 at Todd County High School in South Dakota. Leo coached cross-country and track and field. He designed the workouts and mental exercises that led to a 1984 State Cross-Country Championship.

Leo and his family moved to Ethete, Wyoming in 1990 where he accepted a teaching position at Wyoming Indian High School. He began coaching in 1991 as Head Track and Field coach. Up until his retirement in 2015, his track teams produced numerous individual and relay State Champions. His best team finish was a State Runner-up team title in 1998.

In 2002, Leo began coaching Cross-Country at Wyoming Indian, where he incorporated traditional aspects of Native American culture into the program.

Under his leadership, the cross-country program achieved the following:

- Twelve Boys' Conference Championship teams.
- Six Girls' Conference Championship teams.
- Twelve Boys' State Championship teams.
- One Boys' State Runner-Up team.
- Five Girls' State Runner-Up teams.
- Eight individual State Champions.
- His Boys' Cross Country teams won their twelve State Titles in 13 seasons, with a nine-year streak when he retired.
- WCA Coach of the Year in Boys' Cross-Country twelve times.
- National Coach of the Year Finalist in 2011.

Leo would not have been able to accomplish his coaching success without the great student athletes that believed in his system, collaboration with his life companion, Julie Her Many Horses, and his mentor, Dave Little of Black Hills State University.