

Happy Birthday
Dottie!

Happy Birthday
to my nephew Kenny
we love you!
Aunt Linda & Uncle Keith

Happy Birthday
to my baby boy Glen!
We love you,
Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to Sally &
Jessie Butler in Tennessee!
We love you,
Auntie Loraine & Family



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU..

Happy Birthday to Auntie Polly
and Auntie Da Da, We love you!

Loraine & Family

Happy Birthday to Uncle
Snoball, & Free Willie!
Love,

Auntie Loraine & Family

Happy Birthday to Renee
Metcalf, another beautiful
lady from Siletz,
Love Ya, Mom

Happy late birthday to
Martha Metcalf, Martha
Moody & Arthur Butler.
We love you!
Loraine & Family

Happy Late Birthday
to "Little Little"
Love,
Auntie Loraine

Happy Birthday to Misty Butler. Uncle Chet
says you're the most beautiful girl in Siletz.
I agree!

Love ya, Mom

Happy Birthday Sissy,
from your sister
Froggie

HAPPY BELATED (OCT 12)
2ND BIRTHDAY
LIT WARRIOR
LOVE,
PAPA

Happy Happy Birthday
Chester Ben: Speed limit
comin' at you!
From.... You Know



Indian Tribes Pay Homage To Rare White Buffalo Calf

News of the birth of a rare white buffalo is spreading among American Indians, inspiring pilgrimages to what many Tribes believe is a sacred, apocalyptic animal.

The white calf named Miracle was born two weeks ago at the Dave Heider farm, located in southern Wisconsin. He plans to have it tested to see if it is a true albino.

The white buffalo's spiritual significance stems from its rarity. In the 1800's when up to 80 million of the huge animals roamed the Plains, the odds of having an albino calf were one in 10 million. Hunting reduced the buffalo population to about 500 in the 1800's.

"The impact of this and enormity of it to the Red Nation is immense," said Harry Brown Bear of Wisconsin's Oneida Tribe. "This was meant to be because the teaching of our people and Elders say there would be a time that the Anglo Nation and American Indians would come together in goodness."

Visitors have held ceremonies involving prayers, burning incense or smoking a ceremonial pipe. Many gifts have been left to help protect the calf.

"The white buffalo is sacred to all Tribes. She is important to all Native American people," said Sue Wittig, a Chippewa from Milwaukee. "It's been predicted that it would be born again. I look at it as a change for peace, an opportunity for healing."



Native American Foster Parenting

By: Cheryl Ben

There is such an urgent need for Native American foster homes at this time that I feel compelled to relate my experience on the subject. My husband, Rod and I are Siletz tribal foster parents.

We have been foster parents for almost 4 years and have found the experience to be very rewarding in many aspects. I have become so much more aware of my community and knowledgeable of a lot of different organizations that are available to help meet the needs of children in these situations.

The children I (we) have taken into our home were only to be temporary 3-6 month placements. This arrangement has now lasted for almost 4 years. During this time, it has been both challenging and rewarding. The 2 boys are now 8 years and 6 years old. They have brought a lot of joy to our lives and have provided cause for us to learn and grow. I have really gotten an education! I've attended many sessions and read so many books and articles on Children with Special Needs. I feel these children have taught me so very much and I should (and am) thanking them for coming into my life. I have become more aware and involved in the rights and needs of Native American people.

The most difficult part is true - "letting go" of them. I wonder if they will have all the benefits they should; if

they will continue to have a good life. There are so many things that excite these boys. They appreciate so much that which we take for granted - 3 meals daily, warm beds, knowing adults are there at home to protect them and care for them. Someone to take them fishing, hunting, teach them Native American culture and tradition to know who they really are, someone to help them get to school on time, gather mushrooms and huckleberries, teach them gardening, care for animals like dogs, goats, ponies. So far, at ages 8 and 6, they are so proud to take their Native American regalia, drums, baskets, etc. to their classrooms and teach their classmates about what it is to be Native American. They are proud of who they are. One of my thoughts when they must leave our home is that at least we have given them a good start and foundation to grow on. I am sure they will bring much joy and happiness to another home.

I feel they have made me a much better person, with a genuine concern and involvement outside my little community.

My family and I have chosen a much more involved and healthier lifestyle thanks to these two little lives.

"Thank you for this wonderful opportunity, boys. Thanks for everything you have taught me and given me."

Forever Grateful,
Cheryl