

he said, "I'm friend to buffalo. Wait," he told them, "Wait, don't shoot." He got on the horse. He walked towards the bunch of buffalo, he went and he get close to one, he put his arms above, and he make a little talk or pray, I don't know. And he had him a bull buffalo, the meanest animal. Mean one, buffalo. Well, he was standing--look at him. He just went toward him and touch him right on the nose. He was a wild buffalo. And he told them other bunch said, "I'm friend to the buffalos." When he get closer, why he can tell them. And after that they can shoot kill some of them other buffah. That's a story but my father he's...

HIS GRANDFATHERS BLACKBEAR: DOCTORS LADY WITH SNAKE; PULLS FRING OF NEEDLES

OUT OF HIS MOUTH:

My great grandpa, he was a great medicine man. He doctored lady--womans, she was pretty sick. I didn't know that time, I was a little kid. I went in the tipi, he was doctoring in the tipi. I just watch him, I was a little boy. Well, that lady lay on the side there on a bed. Well, he take a bite out at you that's what he use, a great medicine man, like India, he bad too. Now, he friend to everything, snakes, those other bugs. I was watching him, he just got a snake out of his mouth. I guess he was a small, it was inside. He get it out of his mouth while he get growed up, get bigger. He got hold of him. He just curl up on his arm--great big snake, and he talked to that snake, and I guess that snake understand him, he was a friend to him. He says, "He's going to doctor that lady, we going to doctor her. She get well." He give her that snake. That woman afraid of the snake, won't take it. So my grandpa told her, "Lady", he says, "The snakes going to doctor you. You going to get well." Why that lady--he got it, he took it--put it all over his body crawling all over the body. He's got that snake back, and that snake was grandpa while I was watching him. He put that snake in the nose, nose holes and that snake crawl in there and go in there and I don't know where