

Clayton Awaits Publishing of First Book

by Diane Rodriguez

"My writing is a gifting. I have such joy in doing this, to make someone laugh or smile," says Eva Clayton.

Someday soon, she'll make plenty of us smile with her new book, *Busy Body Bee (When Animals Could Talk)*, set to be published by Trafford Publishing in the next few weeks.

Following the Native tradition of storytelling, Eva's books (four more children's books are in the works) contain what she calls "creative lessons. I don't hit people over the head with things."

In a description of *Busy Body Bee*, we see that he "learns that a prattling insensitive stinging tongue has its consequences when he is approached by the eldest elder in the cedar plank house community. He learns to be more mindful of a wagging tongue."

Eva relied on the expertise of Shirley Mae Henderson to fill the book with full-page illustrations.

"We giggled and laughed through this and formed a wonderful bond," Eva says, adding that she wanted color and depth in the illustrations. She wanted the cedar plank houses to seem so real that "when you run your hand down the page, I want you to get a sticker."

She got just that with Shirley's illustrations.



The book will be 8 inches by 10 inches with a soft cover.

"I wanted to keep it affordable so the average person could afford it – and they'll get their money's worth because of the beautiful illustrations in it," Eva says.

On Writing ... and Family

Although this is Eva's first book to be published, this is not the first thing she's written.

"I've spent a lifetime writing," she says. "Writing for me is my release of excess energy, stress and strain."

With a family that includes nine brothers and sisters (she's the third old-

est and the oldest girl), she's had a lifetime of experiences on which to base stories. She's also learned the stories of her grandmothers (Lucy Dick, Amelia VanPelt, and May VanPelt Jordan), Grandfather Tye (Cint-cont-ne), and her mother, Jeannette Giddings.

Eva in turn has passed these stories down to her daughters and their husbands – Karen and Paul Chapin, and Sheila and Nestor Carillo.

And for the next generation, Eva has dedicated *Busy Body Bee* to her grandchildren – James Paul Chapin, Nestor Clayton Carillo, Brandy Elaine Chapin, and Neil Warren Carillo.

Once the book is published, customers all over the world will be able to order copies of it through Internet retailers and the special order desk of most bookstores.

"It's a book about the people from here (Siletz)" says Eva, describing the necklaces with dentalium and the baskets and basket caps in the illustrations. "I want them to have a warm fuzzy feeling when they read this book."



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Go, Ducks!



Let There be Light!

by Rich Forster

Neither wind, rain nor fear from falling hundreds of feet deters Marvyn Logan, owner and operator of the Busy Bee Tree Service in Otis, Ore., from finishing his appointed tasks of removing menacing fir trees that threaten to fall and damage Siletz Elders apartments located at Tolowa Court in Siletz.

Contacted by Mike Kennedy, Tribal Natural Resources manager, to take out every tree that could hit a house, Marvyn began on Oct. 15 to clear at least a third of the trees bordering the south side of the apartments and the Siletz River.

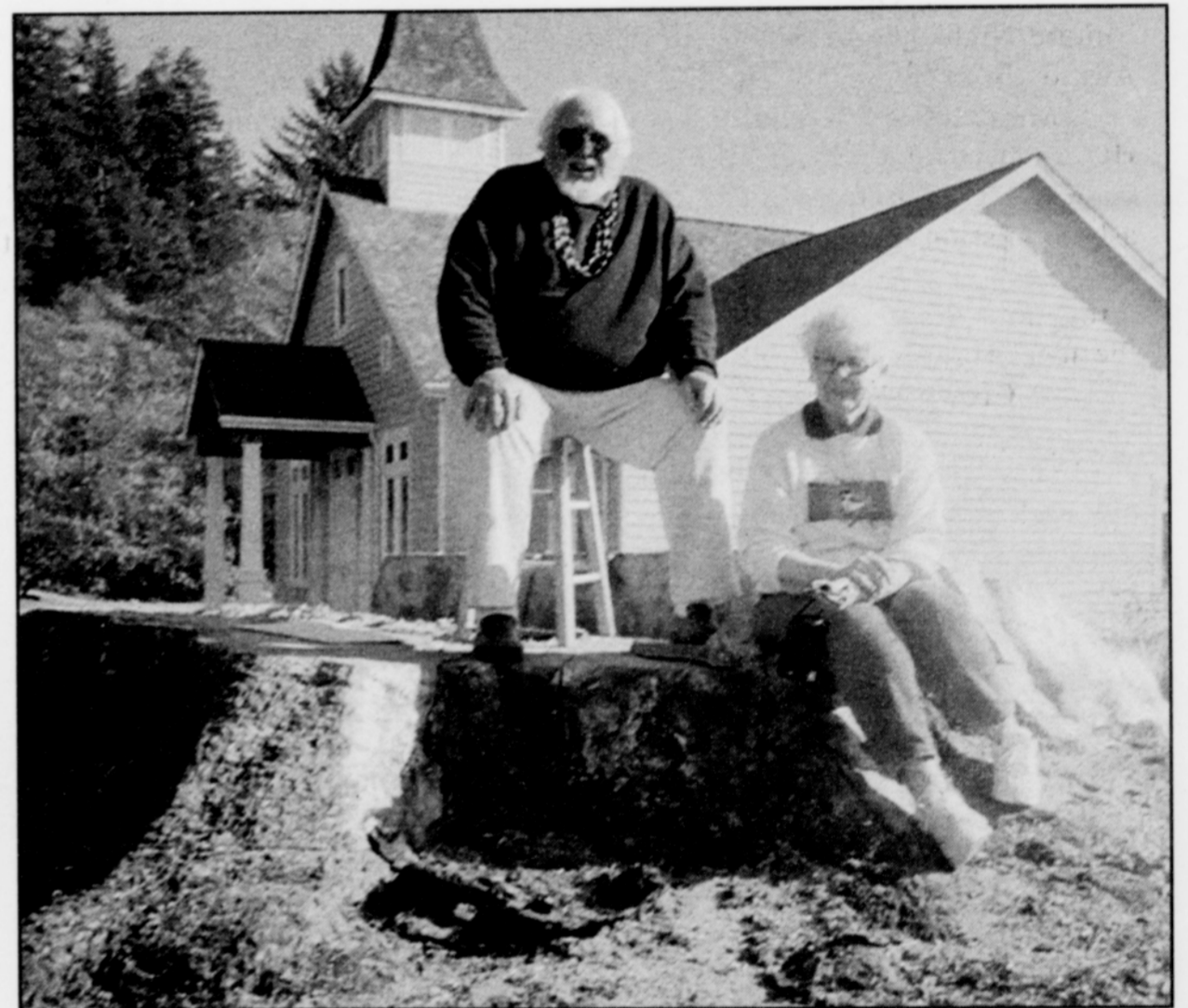
Some of the trees were 12 to 20 inches in diameter and as they fell, Marvyn's helpers, Brent Adams (of Otis) and Tristen John (of Siletz, photo above) would chainsaw the logs into bolts for hand-splitting. The split bolts were then

loaded into a truck and pickup, and delivered to the tribe's Toledo Mill property for tribal elders' winter wood.

Questions arose from some of the Tolowa Court tenants of the marketability of some of the larger logs. The problem of getting into the site and enabling a log-loader and truck to haul the logs, however, would be formidable.

Most of the critical cutting was done the first week and the remainder will follow as weather allows. The result, as most tenants voiced, was "now, more light and less branches and needles to fall on rooftops during storms."

Another benefit came from Tolowa tenant Arlen Kentta, who volunteered to carve animals on some of the standing tree stumps. More news will come on this possibility.



Spruce Stump Holds Memories for Siletz Family

Peter Downey and Marty Lockhart (above) sit on the stump of a 102-year-old spruce tree located next to the newly built Christian Church in Siletz, Ore. In this same location, their grandfather, John Adams, preached jargon sermons at the formerly named Methodist Church that burned down some years ago.

John Adams was appointed by the U.S. government to minister to the Native American people.

Peter Downey (right) holds a picture of John and Martha Adams and the Rev. Pierce and his wife, photo circa 1925.

