

Growth Rings 2005-2006

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The year 2005 was a year of I-pods, hurricanes, \$3.00 gas, and a greater investment in Iraq.

Several projects were brought to completion over the winter.



Pete and Donna Scheid built a retreat/retirement Real Log Home overlooking many of the hills around Prattsburg. The 1780 sq. ft. home was built on an XI Superior Wall Foundation to be finished off at a later time for additional living space. With both Donna and Pete finishing up

their degrees (and several of their children in college), what better time to start their new home?

Dan and Fran Treible of Walworth had a devastating fire (while they were both away) that started from a microwave deciding to just turn "on". The fire destroyed their Real Log Home which they themselves had built



back in 1978. The superstructure was taken down, piece by piece, to salvage what they could for a camp to be built in the Adirondacks. "Once a log lover, always a log lover", so we

custom designed a similar design on a slightly modified foundation, and it added about 700 sq. ft. and a full length porch. The contracted shell was built around the existing fieldstone fireplace.

Dan and Kelli White of Moravia decided to stone-



face the exterior of their 9 ft. Superior Wall Foundation with actual river rock from Watertown. Some of the stones weighed over 350 pounds.
 Ken Warner

and Kay Burkin Warner added their log sided breezeway and three car garage to their newly finished 1750 sq. ft. Real Log Home.

Ken custom built the home's entry doors out of oak. Kay got the kitchen of her dreams. A portion of the counter was dropped for ease in rolling out dough and there is a place for everything (including a place to hide the dog's bowl).



The Town of Webster was in need of a community gathering place for service groups and social events for their residents. We custom designed an 1800 sq. ft. lodge with a 10 ft wide porch across the back. The "Park Maintenance Crew" worked through February



and March to get the shell up. In-floor heat and a stone fireplace were added in May. The Grand Opening for "Liberty Lodge" was in July with several scheduled events on the calendar.



Josh and Christine Allen of Baldwinsville lived in a double wide for 10 years with a "plan". Now, three children later, it was time. Josh has a saw-mill, but he was impressed with the Real Log Home Interlock System, so we did the

walls and gables. Josh sawed the joist and main girder system. He later said he should have had the joists and girders come with the package as well. They will finish the structure during the winter.

Dwight and Jeanette Simpson burned down the old house south of Keuka College and then prepared to build their custom Swedish Cope 1,800 sq. ft. "shaker style cottage" overlooking the lake. The Superior Wall Foundation was delivered and



set with a drott rather than the crane as the driveway was a "challenge". It took all day, but once it was done, we were ready to build. Mark Mitchell built the home and Paul and Dan Shoots did the



stonework.

Barb Katrib and Wil Gottschall spent three years planning their custom Real Log Home to be built south of Seneca Falls. The walkout



Superior Wall Foundation with doors and windows will add extra living space. Wilbur likes porches so he can

observe the wildlife movement around the house. Barb will have plenty of room for crafts in the loft.

Rebecca Clark's mom and dad had built their Real Log Home east of Albany in the 70's. When Adam



and Becky were married, it was time to start planning their log home. They picked a standard Catskill floor plan and decided to build it themselves with the help of family and friends. They both have learned a lot and now have a Real Log Home to show for it.

John and Tara Hunter built a

pole barn/workshop on a hilltop in Marion. This fall their custom Real Log Home was delivered to be assembled on a XI Superior Wall



Foundation. The shell was contracted and Jon and Tara will be finishing the interior.

In December, David and

Carol Hall took delivery of their Real Log Home summer/rental cottage south of Geneva on Seneca Lake. Snow has not slowed down the progress from occurring. The loft's 7' skylight will open to form a balcony. A three season room is also being added for additional space.



Our full-season rental, www.abeautifulplace.us, off Keuka Lake has had a full calendar in '05 and has several bookings for '06. Jean and I added an air hockey table to the activities in the basement. It was bigger than both of us and we have stories to tell. The grandkids are growing and into all sorts of activities that we take time to share in. We did go to Maine in July for business and took time to locate a couple of lighthouses which Jean really enjoyed.



We were blessed in October to have our nephew return from serving in Iraq. I grew a beard 'till he made it home. Boy, was Jean elated when I was clean shaven entering Chel's swim meet the day he arrived home. My Dad celebrated his 85th birthday in March and



we had a big shindig. He and Mom were the life of the party. Thanks be to God!



Shalom,

Ed & Jean
Happy New Year and Thank You for your cards and letters.

As we look forward to 2006, thank you for being a part of the family and helping us add another Growth Ring to our "Tree of Life".

