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The politics in '06 were intense; Iraq has had little peace, our economy is robust, the spring was wet, and gas feels like a bargain at \$2.49/gal.

The Winter of '06 was spent finishing Real Log Home projects on Seneca Lake south of Geneva, south of Keuka College, and the northern rim of Wayne County while designing projects for Little York Lake, Ontario, Co-hocton, Springwater, and Sodus Point.

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Dwight and Jeannette Simpson and family got settled in just south of Keuka College on the east side of the Bluff. As you



recall from the '05-'06 Growth Rings, their older homestead (fire controlled burn) was removed. Their Real Log Home Swedish Cope - Saddle Notch Custom

"Shaker Cottage" Log Home is now complete and the Simpsons are enjoying it greatly.

Dave and Carol Hall saw the finishing touches of their contracted Vacation/Rental Real Log Home come together. The 1152 sq. ft. cottage with a 16'X16' three season room is right on the shores of Seneca Lake. The main floor consists of a bedroom, full bath and the Great Room, which has all the views of the ever changing lake. The loft/bedroom has views not



only across the lake, but also north from the full 7 ft. Velux Walkout Skylight which adds a balcony "feel" to the side roof.

Jon and Tara Hunter built a 2,500 sq. ft. Real Log Home from the Contour V-Groove Log

with a 2 car garage. Their Superior Wall Foundation was set in just 4 hours. Jon's craftsmanship is seen in their custom front door and kitchen cabinets. He also installed the in-floor hot water heat. Their



custom design features a Great Room (including a stoned fireplace) and master bedroom on the first floor. There are bear cubs climbing the corner posts of the hand-carved bed in the first floor Master Bedroom. An additional bathroom and two bedrooms can

be accessed from the second floor loft.

During the spring, I spent some time with Jean Pease and Rich redesigning a Real Log Home they purchased in Springwater. We converted an "in-law" apartment into a large country kitchen, enlarged the Master Bedroom,



moved the stairway to the Great Room, added a fieldstone fireplace, finished off the Superior Wall basement, added stone facings to the walkout foundation, and added a porch off the Master Bedroom. It should make for a great open house in '07.



This year was very eventful for Chris Hill and Gary Herzog.



They were married, and added a family room, breezeway, and 2 car garage onto their 1984 Real Log Home.

Elmer and Ruth Leusch found a family retreat on Little York Lake just north of Homer, NY. It was "in need" so the decision was made to go with a custom-design Real Log Home to accommodate the entire fam-



ily. Their 26'X 32' cottage has two bedrooms on the main floor and two bedrooms in the loft which overlooks the Great Room. The lot was suitable for a walkout IX Superior Wall System and could be set up for another



couple of bedrooms in the future.

November of '06 brought a flurry of deliveries and the Fall of '06 has been a delight to be able to get buildings shelled-in before the snow flies.

John and Nancy Nesbitt owned an older

cottage in Sodus Bay right on Lake Ontario. Nancy asked me to design a Real Log Home "fitting for a judge". The old cottage was removed, and a raised slab with in-

floor hot water heat was built. The Great Room will have floor to roof glass in a prow and will take in the panoramic view from the Sodus Point Lighthouse and Oswego to the east to the old lighthouse to the west. Off the Great Room, is the Master Bedroom and entrance to the two car garage. Upstairs, the loft leads to two



additional bedrooms and bath.

Joyce Rieger and her late husband lived in Maine for a number

of years owning and managing a campground. Now, it is time to be closer to family - and what better place than on a horse and beef hill farm overlooking a



large pond in the Town of Cohocton. Joyce's two bedroom Real Log Home reflects the design to take advantage of the views and her lifestyle.



From the show circuit featuring a sign business outside Chicago, Ralph and Linda Anderson designed a Real Log Home retreat on the shores of Lake Ontario in the Town of Ontario. The site is adja-



cent to Linda's family and will provide many good social opportunities and a great place to retire.

Spring of '07 will be busy preparing for construction in Bloomfield, Parma, and Seneca Lake while

working on several new designs.

Our full-season log home rental, www.abeautifulplace.us, overlooking Keuka Lake has had another full calendar of bookings with several ready to enjoy '07.



Last spring, we assisted in remodeling a warehouse and building a loading dock to establish the east-

ern division of Mountain Valley Equipment. Our oldest daughter reps them from Colorado in their distribution of Stehr Construction Equipment. In July, Jean and I had business



meetings in Idaho, and we took some extra time to visit Glacier National Park in northern Montana and also on the Canadian side. The park is spectacular at all times of the day and filled us with awe. We experienced the forest fires up close, saw several large windmill farms against the Rockies, and had great fellowship with friends. Now, the grandkids have filled our schedule with ice hockey events.

As we look forward to 2007, thank you for being a part of the family and helping us add another Growth Ring to our "Tree of Life". We wish you a Blessed New Year.



Shalom,

Ed & Jean

Happy New Year and Thank You for your cards and letters.