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As we try to sort out who we will choose in the 08' elections to run the country, Congress is having a hard time playing in the same sandbox. Illegal immigration is a "hot" issue.

The Spring of '07 was spent finishing Real Log Home projects in Ontario, Cohocton, Springwater, and Sodus Point.



From the show circuit featuring a sign business outside Chicago, Ralph and Linda Anderson designed a Real Log Home retreat to be built on the shores of Lake

Ontario in the Town of Ontario. The site is adjacent to Linda's family and will provide many good social opportunities and a great place to retire.

Between shows, Ralph and Linda



took time to make trips to New York to work on picking out materials, cleaning, painting, staining, laying flooring etc. Red pine logs from clearing the site were used to build the stairs and ash saplings were fashioned into the railings.

The three bedroom home with a single car attached garage was built on a Superior Wall Foundation.

After the open house, Ralph and his nephew treated us to a private "jam" session. There is something magical about music filling a log home. It makes good times even better.



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 bed-

room Real Log Home reflects the design to take advantage of the views and her lifestyle. She has been savoring the building process and will soon have the kitchen installed and wood flooring laid.



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.



Vi and Jill Nuciolo took delivery of their Custom 1500 sq. ft. Real Log on Oct. 30. Jill has a business caring for pets. It was important to have a "pet friendly room", as well as the master bedroom

on the first floor. The open cathedral great room has all kinds of views to the adjacent wildlife areas. The second floor loft opens to two bedrooms and full Jacuzzi bath with bay window.

Just outside the Town of Phelps, the



Gobles live in a Real Log Home Plymouth B that was built in 1978. Mom is making the move from Texas. A 20' X 22'- 440 sq. ft. in-law self-contained addition was designed to have access from greater living space if desired. Rosa will be able to live independently, having her own social sched-

ule and yet have family close by. Local pine trees were cut down and Rosa used an old-fashioned draw-shave to peel the bark off. The logs are used for collar ties in the cathedral ceiling.

In January of '08', Neil and



Brandy Purdy will be taking delivery high on a hillside site in the Town of Moravia of their custom 3 bedroom Real

Log Home.

Other plans are coming together for '08 deliveries south of Geneva and Bristol.



Our 1100 sq. ft. full-season log home rental, www.abeautifulplace.us, overlooking Keuka Lake has had another full calendar of bookings with several ready to enjoy '08. It is a great getaway for family and friends to celebrate good times together.

In October Jean and I had some WTO trade meetings in Prague, Czech Republic. The issues were intense and the sights were most memorable. We took an extra 5 days and toured Ireland. It was most memorable as a dyslexic driver was being guided by a "blind" navigator; Jean had several eye surgeries in July. The grandkids continue to fill our schedule with ice hockey and softball events.



As we look forward to 2008, 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.