

Growth Rings 1999-2000



This has been an exciting year. All of the "projects" that had been put on "hold" to be built in the future were moved up for delivery this year.

Late last year, Mike Shepherd's home was de-



livered. It is a 2,300-sq. ft. custom saltbox and is built in Ontario off Bailey Rd. The home is built on a Superior Wall foundation and has infloor radiant heat on top of the subfloor. Mike added a

massive granite fireplace and extended the dining room to accommodate the 4" slab by 12 ft long polished red-

wood root dining table mounted on cypress root legs. The log stairs and railings lead up to the catwalk between the library and master bedroom suite. The open house in the summer was well attended.



Butch and Cheri Frey took delivery of their 1,100 sq. ft. ranch and 2 car garage in Palmyra while the snow



was coming. Butch and Cheri have a challenging site that falls 14 feet from the road to the lower level walk out level. The building inspector wanted the main floor to be 1 foot above the

centerline of the road. The pre-cast 10' plus 4' Superior Wall foundation supports the house and garage. Precast concrete panels were laid for the drive-in floor to cover the garage foundation. Butch and Cheri erected the log package and added the green steel panel roof and installed the in-floor radiant water heat between the floor joist. The master bedroom will be on the first level and additional bedrooms and "work spaces" will be added on the walkout level.

In early Spring, Hay/Kauffman took delivery of their 2100 sq. ft. Real Log Home modified A chalet in Cohocton. The elevated glazed prow front overlooks a wooded stream and pond. The 10' Superior Wall Foundation is exposed for the basement garage. We kept the garage door wall straight to accommodate room for the vehicles and built roofs over the exposed areas not covered by the prow. A large steel girder supports the deck in front of the house. The side sunroom has a deck on top that is accessed from the side dormer in the second story loft. A seamless metal roof adds the finish-

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ing touches. Again in-floor radiant heat was used and a "whole house air filtering system". Mark Mitchell was the contractor and we are thankful that even after a bad fall off the roof, he is now back on the job and still healing.



Dale and Penny Mashtare found a site on one of the highest spots in Ontario County. The view and sunsets are spectacular

(And so is the winter wind). We were all glad to finally find water and have a good driveway in. Their 2,200-sq. ft. Real Log Home traditional cape has an enclosed breezeway with access to the basement and to the two-car garage. The clad casement windows add a bit of a contemporary feel to the design. A full porch overlooks the west as the two sec-



ond-story gabled dormers. Log railings surround the loft overlooking the great room. DJ Builders built the home over the summer and the open house was enjoyed by all.

Gil and Tina DeVay Real Log Home with inte

shared their 1,300-sq. ft. gambrel Real Log Home with interested parties at our June open house. Gil and Tina contin-

ued working on their home through the winter and spring utilizing home grown and dried lumber stored over the years. The floors are truly one of a kind as the walnut accent trim





throughout the house. Local stone was used to build the raised hearth for the wood stove. Gil is using a sculptured bear for the corner post and log railings.

Just as the summer

started to heat up, Norm and Jeanette Howe took delivery of a custom Real Log Home Silver Ridge. This 2,150-sq. ft. ranch has three bedrooms and a loft that overlooks the living room. The gable is turned in the center and extended windowed prow front. The home was built on a 9' pre-cast Superior Wall that has one exposed 64' wall with several windows. It adds another 1,800-sq. ft. once finished. Norm and Jeanette assembled the logs with the help of neighbors and



Norm's willing brother from New Mexico. A green steel panel roof was added and it really sets the building apart. Jeanette installed the in-floor radiant heat between the first floor

joist. Norm has decided building is more "fun" than work so who knows if he will ever go back.

Resettling from Michigan, Patrice and Lou Ann Kerevell found a site on Harris Rd. in South Corning. We designed a modified Real Log Home Fairfax (like Dick & Pat Terwilliger's home in Addison). They located the home on the edge of a dense wooded area and first built a three-car board and batten garage with a full upstairs. Since the package was a "dovetail log" (6 1/2" wide and 11" tall), it was milled and delivered from our Real Log Home plant in Montana. These timbers were massive and yet fit like a glove. The main part of the house has a glazed breakfast bump that extends into the front porch area. The brick fireplace is the center of the living room and continues up though the open loft and cathedral ceiling. The back wing has the master bedroom suite and mud/ laundry room on the first floor. The second floor wing is the location of another bedroom.

Gregory Peck, yes, Gregory and Evie Peck finally found the "right spot". It was "touch and go" but the

"Good Lord" must have reserved it for them in the town of Marion. We designed a 28' X 38', 1800-sq. ft. Real Log Home salt box and it was delivered in the early fall. They, along with family, assembled the package and then



called on Peer Construction to assist in putting the roof on. The design really takes advantage of the southern exposure with an 8' slider and a large picture window and stepped gable glass. The loft overlooks the great room and leads to the master bedroom. Two bedrooms are located on the first floor. The dining room has a 6' slider that leads to a deck. What a place to watch the sun set and start a family.

Mike and Brenda Gentile spent three years in design and in search of the "right site" for their new home in the Town of Ontario. Digging was hard going, as bedrock was about 3 feet below the surface. After bringing in a



power ram, a full foundation was built. Mike and family and friends assembled Log Package and Peer Construction assisted Mike in bringing the building to "weather-tight". The th dormers that extend

over the front porch. The two-car garage is connected to the house by a breezeway. The fireplace will be visible from the kitchen, dining room, and living room. The great room features a sunken living room that opens to a walkway that wraps around the open cathedral area. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a bath and a door that leads out to a rear deck and beautiful sunsets.

During the spring, the Edmond Family from North Carolina contacted me on the Internet. They have a site on Isiman Rd in the Town of Dansville. Last year, Mark Mitchell built a Real Log Home for the Bowers on Isiman Rd. We designed the home via the telephone, fax, Internet, and in a "good" weekend. Late fall, John and Rita



took delivery of their red cedar contour Real Log Home and Mark Mitchell is building it. Paul Shoots is assembling the "cut stone" fireplace that will be the centerpiece

of the great room and loft. The home is built on a 9' Superior Wall and has several windows across the walkout front. The modified Whitney has a glazed gabled extension that will over look the Dansville Balloon Festival. The master bedroom suite has access to the wraparound deck. The loft leads to three bedrooms and a bath. A second cathedral area is open to the south and banked with skylights to allow southern light to sweep the living space on the first floor. The roof over the circle top window gable has been extended to include an 8-foot porch.

Please be aware that all of our log homes are Y2K compliant. That goes for the ones coming in. Soon, we will be taking delivery of Jim and Maureen Marlow's 1300-sq. ft. ranch in Honeoye. It will have several front gables and two extensions with bay windows. Dean and Audrey Clark will have a cus-

tom L shaped ranch delivered in Bath high on a hilltop. The clapboard log home will utilize stone facings and large windows to open the home into the woo



open the home into the wooded surroundings.

Jean has been working with a nursery close by. She is enjoying helping the young couple get the business off the ground. This fall she and Kim stuck over 44,000 shrubs and helped build the fourth greenhouse. We take time for the kids and grandkids and the joy overflowth.

I was blessed again this year by being able to share our weekly site visits with Father who will be 80 next spring. We thoroughly enjoy the challenges and the company of those we come in contact with. The canine, Chocolate didn't miss a swimming hole or lake. On the dairy side, there were many out of state visits on behalf of dairy farmers and the new milk pricing systems.

We look forward to all that year 2000 brings and wish God's Blessings to you and your families. Ed & Jean