

Growth Rings 2003-2004

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As 2003 winds down and an “ace in the hole” takes on the meaning of a whole new card game, we add another growth ring to our “tree of life”. Over the year, designs were fine tuned and budgets adjusted to keep several projects on track. The results were a joy to be a part of. The ability to pre-build the home on the computer screen allows us to “see” changes as they are discussed before final decisions are made.

This was also true with the several projects that carried over from 2002.

Gary and Tammy Lyzwa contracted a 2100 sq. ft. Real Log Home ranch backed up against one of the prettiest hills near Wayland, off Tabors Corners Rd. It sets on a fully exposed Superior Wall Foundation facing into the morning sun. Incorporated in the design



is a 720 sq. ft. in-law apartment with its own entry and porch.

The master bedroom is on the main floor with additional bedrooms at the Superior Wall level. Gary and Tammy’s Great Room is truly that. It is a great room open at one end to the wooded hillside and at the other end to a porch that overlooks a setting from “little



Switzerland”. Several phone calls were fielded from Gary starting out with his favorite expression, “got a question for you”. Tammy’s sharp buying skills came into play as she shopped the budget for appliances and furnishings. We scheduled an open

house for April 5th & 6th. It was the weekend of the ice storm where almost everyone lost their power yet we had a great time.

Cindy Stubbe and Erin Jacobs completed (in late spring) their 1800 sq. ft. custom Real Log Home that overlooks Lake Ontario near Huron. Cindy, Erin, Dad and Stash comprised the la-



bor force and Mark Mitchell installed the log railings. There are over two and half miles of 1x8 tongue and groove pine in the ceilings, interior walls and finished Superior Wall basement. The attached garage was built as a pole barn, then log sided. Erin drew some



R&R as she peeled the bark from the logs sawn in half for stringers and treads then lost the grip on a discarded piece that ended up being cushioned by her foot before it rested on the ground. Crutches and cast didn’t slow her down as the project had to be finished for their new additions.



Dan and Marge Cooter of Owasco, took a late snowy delivery in 2002 on their 1512 sq. ft. three bedroom Real Log Home custom ranch. The Superior Wall was set in late fall which was designed for a two car garage, a work shop and a recreation room. Dan and Marge worked on the project evenings and vacations, then took some personal time to nurture family in time of



need. By late fall, they had moved in with several items on the “to do” list but able to enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

Mary Dries of Auburn added her log sided garage to the Real Log Home built in 2002.



Scott and Donna Redick contracted the shell enclosure of their custom Real Log Home in Sandy Creek. They have a great room and 2 bedrooms on the main floor and an open dormered loft. Now, Scott has something to keep him busy until retirement.



Mark and Tracy Schumacher helped Gary and Lori Mullen build their Real Log Home on a lake in Pennellville back in 2001. Bitten by the log home bug, they fine-tuned their design for their site north of Tully. It was so foggy the March



morning the Superior Wall was set, that the crane operator couldn’t see the far end of the foundation. Truax Builders shelled the 2800 sq. ft. custom Real Log Home while Mark installed the in-floor hot water radiant heat. Fred Truax has built many different company’s log

homes but he was most impressed with Real Log.



Don and Nicole Urbanczyk built their 1750 sq. ft. Real Log home in East Bethany overlooking a great wildlife area. The Superior Wall is exposed in the rear for additional living space. The front entry opens to a stair-



way-foyer that leads to the great room. The master bedroom is off the great room. Upstairs there is a study loft and two bedrooms and a bath. The July open house was busy and enjoyed

by all, including Charlie.

Abe Cleason contracted Van Scott Builders to build his 1800 sq. ft. Real Log Home in Palmyra. Abe had the foundation built entirely out of the ground and then built a pond utilizing the spoil to landscape around the home. This



has been a dream of Abe's for a long time and it finally all came together.

Milt and Alice Hanas have a beautiful site overlooking the west branch of Keuka Lake. Several pine trees were removed and earth was pushed back for their 2600 sq.



ft. Real Log Home. Milt, along with one of the local Mennonite Builders, created a family heirloom that



will be enjoyed for many years.

Ken Warner and Kay Burkin/Warner took advantage of some old hunting ground that sits very high with a grand view overlooking Livingston County. After the great flush-out in Dansville during the summer, the driveway was still in



place to allow access for the Superior Wall to be set. A pond was created yielding enough fill to build up an area for the attached garage. Mark Mitchell and his crew are creating another masterpiece. The custom



1700 sq. ft. Real Log Home is going to be one of a kind including its very own full size Dunkin Donut Coffee Maker.

Bruce and Joy Wadhams contracted with DJ Builders to build

their Real Log Home not far from the Outlet Mall in Tyre (Phelps/Waterloo). This is a great custom design of 1400 sq. ft. and will feature an open great room, bedroom and bath on the main floor. The



open loft has access to the storage over the porch. Adjacent to the loft, is a bedroom and bath. The home will be done in time for the their baby's arrival.



Early in 2004, there will be Real Log Home package delivered in Huron for Dave Bieth. Dave is retiring from government work to enjoy log living and maybe a little fishing.

Robert and Sandy Ahnert are moving from central Connecticut to the Finger Lakes near Himrod and also have a delivery in January.

Vern and Amy Miller are going to be moving a short distance from their Albion home to build their Real Log Home. Vern built an the outhouse on the property with all the modern amenities.



Pete and Donna Scheid will take an early February delivery for their family retreat in Prattsburg overlooking hills, ponds and country roads.

There are several other projects in different stages that may take us to Vermont, the Hudson Valley, and perhaps even Newark.

The report for 2003 would not be complete without noting the passing of Chocolate. He was on all the log home sites for 14 years and enjoyed finding water holes, old donuts, and half filled coffee cups. He



is succeeded by a distant relative to his family, Woody. This Springer has so much to learn and so much to see but has taken to the old bed in the truck like it was meant to be.



Jean and I, along with a couple of our daughters and husbands, set up a LLC called, A Beautiful Place. We closed on 6 acres overlooking



Keuka Lake which has a 1100 sq. ft. log home we built back in 1989. We will rent it out week days and weekends from time to time and set up a web site www.abeautifulplace.us to help in the marketing.

As we look forward to 2004, thank you for being a part of the family and helping us add another Growth Ring to our "Tree of Life".

Blessings,
Ed + Jean