

Log cabins multiply

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WASHINGTON — Welcome to the Year of the Cabin. The National Geographic Service is sponsoring a nationwide tour, more Americans than ever — at least since pioneer days — are looking forward to a new life in a log cabin. If not year-round at least on weekends and vacation.

Most will be doing their own building, families taking advantage of the \$60 or so big and little camp-style log cabins delivered as a kind of pre-cut logs, trucked to the chosen site up in the mountains, down by the lake, or sometimes, in deepest suburbia.

There will be some 50,000 log cabins going up this year, the National Geographic Society reports, compared with about 1,300,000 conventionally built single-family houses. That will be a record in what's seen as a revived national love affair with the log cabin. "Cheaper To Build"

One reason for loving logs is that they are cheaper to build with than two-by-four, siding, insulation, and dry wall or sheetrock, according to the Log Home Council of the National Association of Home Manufacturers.

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you can still buy a one-room, pre-cut cabin, hunkle and honest, as the birthplace that launched Abe Lincoln toward the presidency.

Benjamin Abe, Presidents Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, and James Garfield are said to have started life in a log cabin. Such humble beginnings became a sure-fire vote-getter when William Henry Harrison tarred around an intended political delivered as a kind of pre-cut logs, trucked to the chosen site up in the mountains, down by the lake, or sometimes, in deepest suburbia.

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Country Style Ribs	1.49
Pork Loin End Roast	1.49
Ballard Pork Sausage	1.19
Smoked Sausage	1.49
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Parents of Title I children listen as Mrs. Edna Cobb explains the Multiplication Bee her students presented for the Parents Advisory Council meeting (upper right). Members of the class who presented the Bee were John Crawford, Ginger Wagone, Bertie Tubbs, Kevin Hughes, Darrell McVey, Duayne Gilvin, Elizabeth Golly, Johnnie Snapp, Leslie Fryman, Pam Fryman, Wendell McNabb, William Mitchell, Teresa Trichter, Darrell Sargent (upper left). Winners were Pam Fryman, William Mitchell, Teresa Trichter and Darrell Sargent. Eshe Ashbury of Mrs. Harris' Reading class recites "The Weather" (lower left). — Photos submitted.

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Career Day

Pam Garrard, Belinda Fryman, Jamey Howard and Penny Ashby (left to right) were among 61 NHS sophomores who participated in a Career Day at Maysville Community College March 19. — Mercury photo.

61 attend Maysville Career Day

Sixty-one Nicholas County High School sophomores and teachers attended a seven-county career day at Maysville Community College Monday, March 19. Thirty-eight different careers were represented by various individuals and companies.

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Marjorie D. Sumner, Sallie A. Cartwright, Phyllis Stiles, Marcelle M. Harrell, L. E. Smith, James A. Carter, Joseph L. Metzall, Donald R. Smith, Russell W. Bell, and R. L. Wilk.

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