

Merry Christmas from Bluffy Lake Lodge - 2020 has been a year that goes down in everyone's book as very crazy & interesting. We survived!

It was very hard not being able to get to Canada this spring. As camp owners, we could go across the border if we had Canadian customers. Our summer started when our son Adam broke his ankle in June while working on his house. He was so excited that he could get some things done at home since he got laid off from North Dakota oil fields. Adam had 3 pins in his ankle. We helped him finish up his fascia and soffit on his house. After 8 weeks in a cast, he is back to normal and finished his exterior house, and his 1985 truck (11 year project). We originally stayed at home as my mother's health went downhill with the Covid isolation. The end of July at the age of 95, she is having a great time with my Dad and my brother in Heaven. Thankfully, we could see her in her final days. I miss her phone calls!

In August, I worked on making arrangements to cross the border. We had to pay for work permits and get other paperwork in order. So early September we made it across. There was travel from point A to B with no stopping and isolate for 14 days. The camp needed a lot of loving care. Amazing how the grass and free trees grow. We did get a lot of mowing/brush cutting done but need to take up a riding lawnmower next year to get through the rest. To make matters worse, our personal boat trailer was stolen. We were paying someone to check the camp but they took our camera system down. No camera - no person stealing trailer on cameras. One theory is maybe someone borrowed it because they knew we were in USA. Only they haven't returned it yet. At least nothing else was stolen. We thought about doing some carpentry but building supplies were scarce and costly and we couldn't go to Ear Falls. At that point, we felt we just needed to go back home. We did some fishing but failed. Our Canadian moose hunters did get a cow in October so the camp did get some use. We are hoping to get to Canada mid April 2021 - weather permitting. We will probably be doing most of the work by ourselves in 2021. With limited cash flow, we can't afford employees! Things are looking good for next year. If you haven't made a reservation and are looking at a week at Bluffy, you can put in dates that you are interested in. We aren't taking deposits until the border opens. Any deposits for 2020 rolled into next year. And the new deposits would be helpful for cash flow to open the camp. Thank you!

We did get some things done at home. We reseeded our lawn. Dean and Adam put in 90 wood 8' fence posts for the dog pen (before Adam's broken ankle). It use to be a 2 acre deer pen. Dean made his dream deer stand with steps and refurbished my 18 year old stand. He refurbished a couple boats and a pontoon. I got my flower beds rearranged and hopefully deer proof! Of course, I take care of all the accounting which wasn't as bad this year except border crossing paperwork. During the time when Adam broke his ankle and my mom passed

away, my good knee became my bad knee. Arthritis is not my friend! After dealing with it for a couple months, I had total knee replacement surgery November 20. I am recuperating and getting better. The good thing is I got everything organized and cleaned up and some home improvements done before surgery. Dean is a great coach and very helpful but he is happy I'm cooking again. I did get some more shirts and hats embroidered and will post them on our website.

We haven't seen many family members in Iowa except private funeral. We are lucky to have Adam in Longville! He is our go-to family member. We will become great grandparents again in April 2021. Our great grandson that had health issues when he was born is a very active, normal 2 year old. His Iowa parents did make it up for a few days this summer to do some fishing and visiting. We are also very fortunate to live in an area that has less Covid than other areas. Dean does go to country lumber yard and marine shop to get some man-to-man time and talk politics. I do a lot of local and Amazon shopping. We are thankful that our families are well even with Iowa family members having had Covid. We are so thankful for a wonderful family even if we can't be together.

Sorry no brochure with pictures. Price list on back. Any questions, please feel free to email us at info@bluffylake.com or call us at 218-536-0567. Our website is bluffylake.com. There is also a calendar of available dates on website. Have a Happy New Year - Stay healthy, well and Covid free! Hoping to see you in 2021!

Best regards - your friends,
Donna and Dean