



The Rural Report

REAL ESTATE NEWS AND VIEWS FROM DON MYERS
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LIFESTYLE DIVISION



THE JANUARY MESSAGE: REJOICING WITH GREAT JOY, AND REFLECTING ON LOSS

The Christmas story reminds us of the wisemen: “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” This sentiment resonates deeply with me during the holiday season, my favorite time of the year. There’s a unique happiness and joy that radiates everywhere—Santa’s cheerful “Ho, Ho, Ho!,” children eagerly anticipating gifts under the tree, and families reuniting for precious moments together. Oh, if only that spirit could last from one December to the next.

On a personal level, we all experience moments of great joy throughout our lives. Weddings, the birth of a child or grandchild, and celebrating milestones or accomplishments bring light into our days. For me, one of these joyful moments happens every year at Ag Progress Days. Sure, it’s an opportunity to meet new people, prospect for listings, and promote properties, but it’s also a time to reconnect with clients whose lives I’ve been fortunate to touch over the years.

Some of these connections go back decades. Three years ago, a gentleman stopped by our display and asked, “Do you remember me you sold. me a farm?” He said it was in Muncy. I paused for a moment and said, “Yes! You bought the Bastian farm.” He said, “You are right!”, I asked, “Was that a wise decision?” Without hesitation, he said, “Yes!” I sold him that farm 40+ years ago. This past year, another client stopped by to share how much they’ve loved their farmette, which I helped them purchase 40 years ago. They still live there and cherish the life they’ve built. Moments like these remind me why I’m a Realtor. Helping people create a home and fulfill their dreams brings me immense joy.

But while joy is a gift, life also brings heartbreak, as we’ve seen with the California fires. The destruction has been devastating, and the loss of homes and memories is difficult to comprehend. Recently, I watched interviews with young families who had lost everything. Their grief was palpable, and it struck me that, unlike the clients I reconnect with, they won’t have the chance to look back decades from now and tell their realtor how much they loved living in the home they purchased.

Their stories are a sobering reminder of how fragile life can be. As we celebrate our blessings, let us also remember those who are suffering. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers as they work to rebuild their lives.

Don, Lori, and Brandy



UPCOMING EVENTS IN CENTRE COUNTY

Wine & Soup Pairing at Mt. Nittany Winery

January 18 @ 11:30 am

We are bringing back this popular winter event in January. Bill DeBoeur from Brown Dog Catering will be providing four delicious soups which we will pair with a large flight of wine. Cost is \$30. Reservations are available from 11:30-3:30pm for a 1 1/2 hour seating.

National Skating Month

January 19 @ 2:45 pm

Join us at Pegula Ice Arena on Jan. 19, 2025, to celebrate National Skating Month! This event is open to the public and includes a free introductory Learn to Skate class and an exhibition.

Drop In Guided Tour: Art & Nature

January 23 @ 6:00 pm

Drop in and discover the Palmer’s world-class collections and exhibitions with a friendly and knowledgeable museum guide.

Visit <https://www.statecollege.com/events/> for more events information.

CENTRE COUNTY MARKET UPDATE

Effective date: January 1, 2024





REAL ESTATE NEWS



WHY AMERICANS MOVED IN 2024

More Americans are moving for affordability and proximity to family, though job-related moves remain key in the Northeast, especially in Pennsylvania, where lower costs and central job market access attract buyers.

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7 TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM SNOW

Protect your home this winter with tips like insulating pipes, weatherstripping, keeping heat on, and applying grit to walkways. Expert Natalie Mitchell also advises safe parking and stocking emergency supplies for snowy conditions.

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CHILDLESS HOUSEHOLDS ON THE RISE?

Childless households now outnumber those with children, driven by a rise in single households without kids, which more than doubled since 1960. Meanwhile, married parent households have significantly declined, and single-parent households are at their lowest share since 1977.

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For Sale!



RAYSTOWN RURAL LOTS OFF LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SAXTON, PA



ONE LOT LEFT!

Secluded wooded lots in Pennsylvania's Terrace Mountains, located in a Dark Sky area, offer breathtaking night sky views, including the Milky Way. Just 10 minutes from Lake Raystown and a trout stream at Trough Creek State Park, these lots provide easy access. They come with public sewer and utilities, a 6,000 connection fee, and are ready for your dream cabin.

Lot 11 - .91 Acres - \$29,500

Lot 14 - 1.32 Acres - SOLD

Lot 22 - 0.93 Acre - \$39,500 - SOLD

Lot 23 - 0.99 Acre - \$42,500 - SALE PENDING

Lot 24 - 3.05 aCRE - \$99,500 - SALE PENDING

RAYSTOWN RURAL LOTS OFF LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SAXTON, PA



SOLD

Discover the tranquil beauty of Moshannon Forest II Subdivision with this inviting cabin retreat. Situated amidst nature's embrace, this cabin offers a rare amenity of electricity, blending modern comfort seamlessly with rustic charm. Originally acquired in October 1999, the current owners meticulously crafted this cabin and accompanying storage building/privy, ensuring a comfortable retreat for up to 8 guests.

Read more here:

<http://www.centralparuralproperty.com/property/great-moshannon-forest-ii-cabin/>

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