

The Rural Report

REAL ESTATE NEWS AND VIEWS FROM DON MYERS
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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The first verse of one song played during Christmas time each year is “It is the most wonderful time of the year!” I truly believe that. People seem to smile more. There are more acts of kindness and generosity, and there are special traditions that only happen once a year. These traditions may include family meals, gift exchanges, Christmas concerts, and movies watched together. I’m blessed to have many of these traditions that are special to me.



Another special tradition for our family is attending a Christmas Eve candlelight service which is followed by a fellowship meal. We go to a small country church. There are many visitors from the community whom I rarely see during the year who generally come. After the sermon and special musical numbers are played and sung, the candles are lighted from the front of the church to the back as we all sing Silent Night. Each person holds a small wax candle. The electric lights are dimmed as the candles are lit. Once the candles are all lit, the only lights on in the church are the star, the tree, and a small light

for the organ. The remaining light throughout the church comes from all of those small candles. When the congregation is done singing Silent Night, a single flute, while the candles are still lit, plays one verse of Silent Night. There is a very special sense of peace, solitude, and beauty that comes just once a year.

It is truly a blessing for us to serve all of you when you have real estate needs. We also hope during this season we can wish you all a most Merry Christmas filled with the traditions which mean the most to you and your families during this season!

— Don, Lori and Brandy





UPCOMING EVENTS IN CENTRE COUNTY

Ye Old Christmas Carol Sing Along

December 21 from 2:00 pm

Medieval and renaissance vocal and instrumental favorites will be showcased in this free event. Performers include Sean Golder (recorder), Hal Kunkel (recorder), Carol Pharo (recorder, organ, violin, viola da gamba), and all community participants (as the singers).

Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services will be held at Howard United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to share this special evening. The church is located at 144 W. Mains Street, Howard

Christmas Day Dinner

December 25 at 3:00 pm

The State College Presbyterian Church (132 West Beaver Ave., State College, PA 16803) will again be hosting its annual free Christmas Dinner for the State College community.

This year the menu is a delicious ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, dressing, and other sides. There will be vegetarian/vegan options upon request. The meal will be served in the dining room of the church from 3:00 – 6:00 pm on Christmas Day. For anyone physically unable to attend in person, meal delivery to State College can be arranged by contacting the church office at (814) 238-2422.

CENTRE COUNTY MARKET UPDATE

Effective date: December 1, 2025





REAL ESTATE NEWS



5 HOLIDAY HOME HAZARDS

The holiday season brings added activity at home, making it important to stay mindful of safety risks like fire hazards, Christmas tree mishaps, kitchen accidents, and potential dangers to children and pets. Taking simple precautions—such as maintaining decorations and appliances, practicing kitchen safety, and securing your home—can help ensure a safe and joyful holiday season.

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4 WAYS COLD WEATHER WEAKENS HOMES

Cold weather can take a real toll on a home by weakening its foundation through freeze-thaw cycles, stressing plumbing and roofing systems, and increasing fire risk as heating systems work harder. Taking time to inspect and prepare these areas before winter hits can help protect your home and avoid costly repairs down the road.

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AMERICANS MOVED LESS THAN EVER IN 2024

In 2024, just 11 % of Americans moved to a new home—a historic low that reflects a long-term decline in mobility compared with past decades. Factors such as rising housing costs, remote work flexibility, and economic uncertainty have contributed to fewer people relocating, with similar low movement trends seen in states like Pennsylvania.

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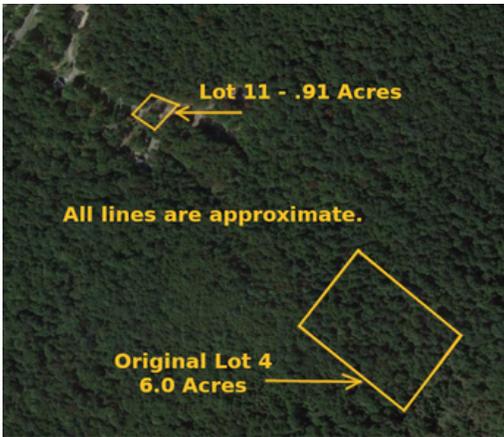


New Updates



PRICE REDUCTION AND SOLD UPDATE!

WOODED LOTS NEAR LAKE RAYSTOWN



Discover the rare opportunity to own a private wooded estate nestled in the heart of central Pennsylvania's most sought-after outdoor destination. This unique tract of land sits within a selectively managed cabin community, designed to preserve privacy, aesthetics, and long-term property value.

Set within one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier Dark Skies regions, this property offers a

rare opportunity to experience uninterrupted views of the night sky, where the Milky Way is visible to the naked eye. Whether you're an astrophotographer or simply love peaceful evenings under the stars, this is your place to escape.

Lot 4 - 6 Acres - PRICE REDUCTION

Lot 11 - .91 Acres - **SOLD**

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