



The Rural Report

REAL ESTATE NEWS AND VIEWS FROM DON MYERS
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WHAT'S NEW?

What's new? A Christmas present you really wanted. A Christmas present you hadn't thought about but turned out to be a wonderful gift. Or a Christmas present you look at and ask yourself, what in the world am I ever going to do with that?

Or maybe "what's new" is something you look forward to—or something you once looked forward to. My dad and mom bought our farm in 1946. I didn't exist at the time. It was always a crop farm. Dad hired a neighbor to bale our hay. We would mow it, ted it, and rake it. That changed in 1957 when Dad bought his first baler. It was the first year the New Holland Hayliner 68 with the new Flow Action feeding system was available. It was a very streamlined baler. I was too young to help load bales (bale throwers didn't exist), but I was allowed to ride on the wagon. Most of the time I was on the top of the load, watching the hay rows go into the machine and come out as bales with two strings on—bale after bale after bale. I think it was quite mesmerizing.

I was still young enough to play with my toy John Deere 14T baler pulled by a Farmall 400 tractor on the living room floor. As I got older, I learned to run our equipment, service it, and come up with ideas on how to make it function better.

By 1959, I had four "What's New?" moments between mid-December and mid-January. First was Christmas. Second, I began attending the PA Farm Show annually. It was really neat. I could fill a shopping bag with multiple copies of literature on the latest and greatest equipment. Third, the Pennsylvania Farm Show issue of Pennsylvania Farmer (now part of American Agriculturalist) would arrive. It was three times larger than normal—probably over half an inch thick. If something was being sold to a farmer, it was advertised there. Fourth, the January issue of Farm Journal would come. I expected it any time after Christmas and was disappointed when it didn't appear each day. They had a column called Machine Parade, where new equipment for the new year was usually featured with a picture and a paragraph. I had a compulsion to stay up to date, and I could follow up at the Farm Show.

As time goes by, "What's New?" changes. It changes within families. It changes with agricultural technology. And today, it changes with the Internet and AI, including how real estate is marketed—getting it advertised where it has the best chance of being sold. We will be glad to be of service to you by using what's new to help get the job done. Please feel free to contact us by email, phone, or text.

Don and Lori



UPCOMING EVENTS IN CENTRE COUNTY

Lion Country Line Dancing - Line and Partner Dancing

January 15 @ 7:00 pm

Join us at Axemann Brewery! All levels welcome. We have a large space — over 15,000 square feet of space. It's amazing!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

January 19 @ 12:30 pm

State Rep. Paul Takac is partnering with the State College YMCA; Centre County Pearls of PA, an official interest group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; and First National Bank to host the inaugural Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, A Legacy of Love: Serving with Purpose, Strengthening Families event on from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the State College YMCA, 677 W. Whitehall Road.

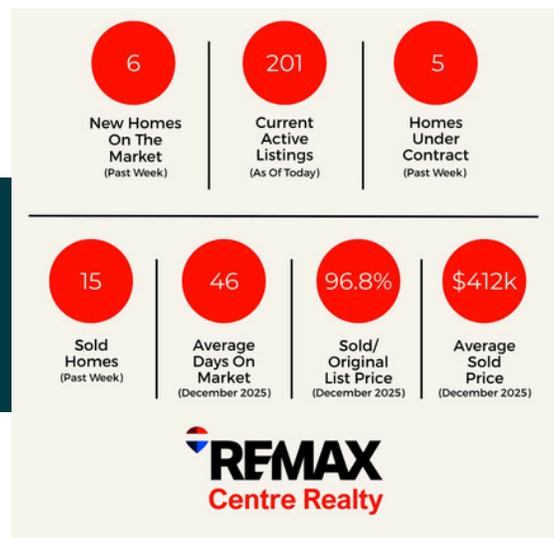
David Lewis: The Real Story Behind PA's Legendary Outlaw

January 21 @ 7:00 pm

David Lewis was a notorious outlaw circa 1790 to 1820. The legendary counterfeiter and robber became known as the “Robin Hood of Pennsylvania” as well as other monikers like “Lewis the Robber”, David “Robber” Lewis, and “Davey Lewis.” Matt Maris of Local Historia will tell the outlaw’s incredible story while sharing research methods and key findings that connect David Lewis to central Pennsylvania. Matt will also provide a behind the scenes discussion about how the tv episode was made in collaboration with WPSU (PBS).

CENTRE COUNTY MARKET UPDATE

Effective date: January 1, 2026





REAL ESTATE NEWS



HOME FEATURES SUPPORTING REMOTE WORK POPULAR IN LISTINGS

Remote and hybrid work continue to shape what buyers want in a home, with listings increasingly highlighting features like dedicated offices, hardwired Ethernet, soundproofing, and smart technology. This article explores the top work-from-home and wellness-driven features gaining popularity—and how they're influencing home prices across the market.

To read full article [click here](#).



PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST 3D PRINTED HOUSE BUILT IN CENTRE COUNTY

A first-of-its-kind 3D-printed home is taking shape in Centre County through a partnership between Habitat for Humanity and State College-based X-Hab 3D. The project offers a look at how innovative building technology and community collaboration could support affordable housing in central Pennsylvania.

To read full article [click here](#).



4 BEST RENOVATIONS FOR ROI

Wondering which home upgrades offer the biggest return when it's time to sell? Realtors® share the four renovations—both big and small—that consistently deliver the strongest ROI.

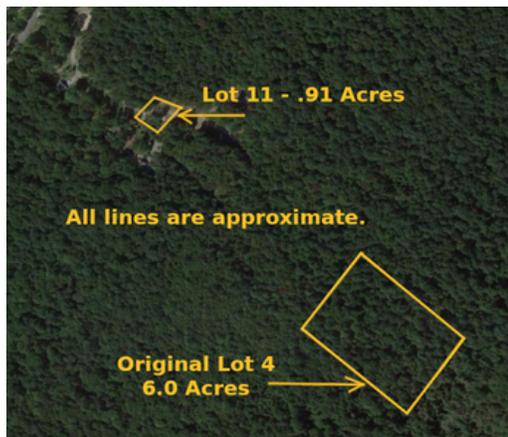
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For Sale!

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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