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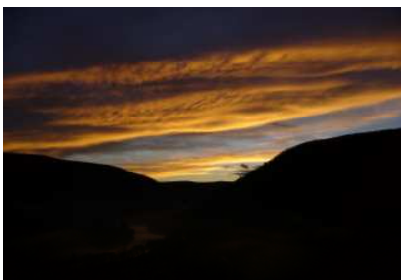
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ELK IN PENNSYLVANIA

The thrill of seeing and elk in the wild was, for many years, mainly limited to the western and northwestern part of the United States due to colonization of the early settlers in the eastern U.S. The demise of elk eventually led to complete extermination in the southeastern portion of PA and were a rare site west of the Alleghenies. The native elk herd in PA was mainly in the Cameron, Elk and McKean counties, but still a rare sight in the mid-1800's. However, by 1877, the last known elk was killed by a hunter and so that was the end of elk in PA. In 1915 a small herd was brought in from Yellowstone to a few counties in the northcentral portion of PA. Although this reintroduction was considered by many to be a step in the right direction, farmers were not happy due to destruction of crops. This caused much tension, poaching, and led to many farmers taking matters into their own hands and killing the "troublemakers" that ravished their cornfields and fruit trees. The Game Commission tried to alleviate this issue by petitioning legislatures to give compensation to the farmers whose crops were destroyed. This was met with disapproval since it was feared that many farmers would exaggerate their losses and the costs would be too enormous to justify. Nonetheless, the elk herd grew and thrived in the large forested areas and rich farmlands. The novelty of seeing elk in the wild started to attract visitors who enjoyed seeing and photographing them. Elk hunting commenced, but many still illegally took elk during off-seasons and this caused a serious dent in the population and wide scale scattering which again, dwindled the herd number. However, those that were left remained primarily in Cameron and Elk counties. Over the years the tug of war continued between farmers and the Game Commission who oversaw the small herd and spectators still visited the area to marvel at this magnificent creature in the wild. The elk herd slowly continued to grow again and in the 1980s, the Game Commission implemented the hunting license "lottery" event but only for a few years. Over the years, studies were conducted and there was still a lot of push and pull, changes in hunting & trapping regulations, etc. but the population continued to thrive and slowly grow. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation contributed funds to purchase more game lands and habitat enhancements along with implementing deterrents for the farmers to ease the damages to their crops and fruit trees. This helped to foster a significant population growth. In 2001 the proposed elk hunt drawing, which limited the number of elk hunting licenses along with generating income from licenses & fees (which are used to continue management of the herd) This is a popular drawing and normally conducted at the annual Elk Expo which is held at the Elk Visitor Center grounds in early August. Those who do not win a license in the draw, are then granted "preference points" which increase opportunity in future drawings. There is also a limit to licenses granted to non-Pennsylvania residents.



The visitor center in Benezette is a great place to visit! There are viewing grounds to hike and to spot elk and maybe even hear them bugle! Inside the center are kiosks and taxidermy displays among other items. It is a sight to behold and the area where the main elk herds are populated has become a tourist hot spot! People also enjoy visiting during the early Spring to scout for the fallen antlers! Elk in Pennsylvania is a must-see tourist attraction and folks come from all over to enjoy seeing and photographing them in their natural habitats! If visiting the area, please respect private properties.

To see more about Elk in PA visit ElkCountryVisitorCenter.com

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SPOTLIGHT ON STATE PARKS: This issue I am featuring **KETTLE CREEK STATE PARK IN CLINTON COUNTY**. This large state park is in Leidy Twp. and offers a diverse array of outdoor recreation. Equestrian trails, hiking, camping, an amazing vista, Alvin Bush Dam for great fishing and even ELK VIEWING! Fish Kettle Creek, Beaverdam Run, or take your boat out on the dam for a fun day with the family! Plenty of things to do and wildlife to see!

Many of the recreational facilities at the park were built during the Great Depression by the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Kettle Creek State Park is seven miles north of Westport and Pennsylvania Route 120. It is largely surrounded by Sproul State Forest.



I currently have an interesting property for sale that ironically is surrounded by this state park and Sproul State Forest. It also contains nearly 1/4 mile of Beaverdam Run trout stream and even 5 RV lots that could be rented out or sold off. 88 acres in total! See the back of this newsletter for more info on this once in a lifetime, dream property!



Specialized sales techniques for your property for sale are critical in obtaining the best price & widest audience! A Realtor who truly knows the area and understands that the features of a vacation home can differ from a residence & also knowing what buyers are seeking will get results!

MENU IDEA & RECIPES: Springtime Supper

Lemon-pecan Pork Chops

4 boneless pork chops
 1 tsp. lemon-pepper seas.
 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
 1 TB butter
 1 C. chopped pecans
 1/4 C. lemon juice
 Sprinkle Pork Chops w/ lemon-pepper & garlic salt. In a lg. skillet over med. heat cook chops in butter on each side until juices run clear. Remove & keep warm. Add pecans & lemon juice to skillet. Cook & stir. Spoon over chops!

Your favorite steamed Veg.

Steamed brown rice

nice glass of Pinot Grigio
 (while cooking :)



No-bake Choc. Pie

7 milk choc. bars
 20 Lg. marshmallows
 1/2 c. milk
 2 cups whipped topping
 graham cracker pie shell

In a lg. saucepan, mix candy, marshmallows & milk. Cook & stir over low heat until smooth. Remove from heat. Cool. Fold in whipped topping & pour into pie shell. Cover & refrigerate for 4 hrs. Top w/ more cool whip! GOOD!

ARBOR DAY.....EVERY DAY!

April 24th is Arbor Day and a celebration of nature. The objective of Arbor Day is to encourage more people to plant trees and often people are celebrating that day to plant trees in memory of a loved one. The designation of a day to celebrate “trees” was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton, an arborist at heart who settled in Nebraska and planted thousands of trees on his 160 acre ranch. The first Arbor Day occurred in 1872 and the word quickly spread. Julius became so widely known for his arbor enthusiasm that he was appointed Secretary of Agriculture by Grover Cleveland in 1893! Arbor Day was almost called Sylvan Day, which means wooded (our state was dubbed Pennsylvania meaning Penn’s woods, as so abundant our state is in this natural resource). But since the word “sylvan” only referred to forest trees, the name Arbor Day was chosen instead since it is more inclusive (covering forest trees and fruit trees). Early Spring is a good time to plant trees, but we should appreciate and care for them all year long. Proper forest management allows for healthy tree growth and keeping your own treed property free of invasive insects and diseases also assists in the overall health of these habitats for the wildlife that depends upon them for survival. The Arbor Day Foundation is an organization that inspires and nurtures those who have a desire to participate in the traditions of the National holiday. They often provide tree saplings for free or a very reduced price for a membership and also support and assist in public and community forestry in urban areas. Arbor Day is a great opportunity to get your whole family involved. Teaching your children to plant a tree and then experience the satisfaction of nurturing it and watching it grow is a lesson that they will take with them the rest of their lives! Plus it doesn’t cost much! Embracing nature and the gifts we are given in the forest is something to be celebrated EVERY day! Celebrating Arbor Day is a great way to start a family tradition!

GET SOME MUD ON THE TIRES! property spotlight

Looking for a large property to have fun in the woods! If you like to hunt, ATV ride, or just want a property on the mountain to hide-away here is 320 SECLUDED acres OFF-GRID! Be away from people and enjoy the wilderness! This acreage already has a road through it! All you have to do is decide where you want to put your cabin! Located in Western Clinton County, this lot is actually at the dead-end of the mountain making it impossible to beat if you want a truly secluded and “hard to get to” property! Bucky Rd., in Noyes Twp. 320 acres for \$275,000

That is \$859 per acre! So get some mud on your tires and check this out!



Like to stay “in the loop”? Join my E-group and receive updates on new property listings. No strings attached....just request to join and you are IN! Go to my site at www.RecreationalPropertiesPennsylvania and sign up for my emails!



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welcome to
my "office"!

LISA'S LISTINGS

See pictures & more info on these and others at
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- CEDAR RUN-** Cabin on 2.15 acres with PINE CREEK FRONTAGE & RAIL TRAIL BORDERS THE BACK! \$325,900
- SLATE RUN-** 5 BD farmhouse AND 2 BD dwelling above a 3-bay garage! PINE CREEK FRONTAGE & RAIL TRAIL! Nearly 3 acres! OUT OF 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN! Close to Wolfe's Store and Hotel Manor! \$525K
- HANEYVILLE** - Nice cabin on 12 acres! Beautiful property, private location! Adjacent 13 acre lot available too! \$179,900
- CAMMAL** - .80 acre lot in a pretty wooded setting. An old trailer needs removed, but perfect for your cabin! \$30,000
- LIBERTY** - 4 BD/2 bath home in beautiful country setting on a quiet country road! 6 acres! \$199,900
- WATERVILLE** - Nice ranch borders STATE LANDS near Waterville! Nearly 2 acres,garage, generator, central air! 150K
- HANEYVILLE** - Huge log home that borders STATE LANDS! Private setting! 7 BD/3 Bath! 3 bay garage! \$450,000
- RENOVO-** Turn-of-the-century home with 6 BD/3 Bath, in-ground pool, 3 fireplaces, crystal chandelier & more! Would be perfect for a B&B near the Elk viewing areas and in the PA Wilds! Set up with 3 separate entrances and the configuration allows for separate office spaces as well! So many options!! \$205,000

SEEKING SECLUSION?

- KETTLE CREEK-** Paradise! Your own trout stream and 88 acres surrounded by Kettle Creek SP and Sproul SF! 345K
- RENOVO-** 320 acre lot (275,000) and 23 acre lot (\$46,900) OFF -GRID! Secluded on the mountain off of forest roads!
- RENOVO-** OFF-GRID , beautiful cabin on 11 acres! SOLAR & GENERATOR! 4 BD/2 BATH! Private setting!! \$239,000
- WATERVILLE** - Stream access only! PINE CREEK FRONTAGE! Pristine 12.45 acre lot bordering state lands! \$150,900
- HYNER-** SUSQUEHANNA RIVER FRONTAGE and very secluded setting! Cabin on 9 acres! Fully Furnished! \$365,000

DO YOU HAVE A CABIN, CAMP OR LAND YOU ARE SELLING ON YOUR OWN? REACH A WIDER AUDIENCE AND ADVERTISE ON MY SITE FOR FREE! NO STRINGS ATTACHED. EMAIL ME AND I WILL GET YOU ON MY SITE WITH A SLIDE-SHOW AND YOUR INFORMATION. MOST VISITORS TO MY SITE ARE BUYERS LOOKING FOR PROPERTIES JUST LIKE THIS. NEED JUST A LITTLE HELP BUT DON'T WANT TO PAY A LOT IN COMMISSION? ASK ME ABOUT WHAT I CAN OFFER IN LIMITED SERVICES! THERE ARE OPTIONS SO DON'T BE SHY ABOUT TALKING TO ME! I CAN HELP!

**SPRING IS
NATURE'S WAY
OF SAYING,
"LET'S PARTY!"**

Robin Williams

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SEE YA' UP THE CREEK!