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## • FEATURED LISTING •

**129 Honeysuckle Drive • Boalsburg •  
16827 • \$172,000 • MLS# 49203 •**

Prime location in Boalsburg, an updated, ranch style home abounds in amenities. Three suitably sized bedrooms and two full bathrooms fit comfortably with an open layout living room and kitchen. A vast kitchen with considerable counter top space lead into a separate substantial dining room, great for entertaining. An ample backyard make an ideal spot for gatherings of family and friends. Attached garage, new flooring and recently installed water softener are only a few of the highlights this splendid residence offers. Enjoy relaxing on your exceptional, enclosed, three season front porch in this charming Boalsburg neighborhood on Honeysuckle Drive. Betwixt Penn State University and Route 322, the property is a must see for conveniences and locale. Arrange a private showing and peruse more information at the following website, [www.BoalsburgRanch.com](http://www.BoalsburgRanch.com).



## • 10 THINGS ABOUT THE DECEMBER SOLSTICE •

1. Winter and Summer Solstice  
In the Northern Hemisphere, the December Solstice is the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year.
2. A Specific Point in Time  
Most people count the whole day as the December Solstice. However, the Solstice is actually at a specific moment - when the Sun is exactly overhead the Tropic of Capricorn.
3. Second Solstice of the Year  
Solstices happen twice a year - once around June 21 and then again around December 21. On the June Solstice, the Sun is directly overhead the Tropic of Cancer in the Northern Hemisphere, while on the December Solstice, the Sun shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn in the Southern Hemisphere.
4. The Date Varies  
The December Solstice can happen on December 20, 21, 22 or 23, though December 20 or 23 solstices are rare. The last December 23 solstice was in 1903 and will not happen again until 2303.
5. The Sun 'Stands Still'  
The term solstice comes from the Latin word solstitium, meaning 'the Sun stands still'. This is because on this day, the Sun reaches its southern-most position as seen from the Earth. The Sun seems to stand still at the Tropic of Capricorn and then reverses its direction. It's also common to call it the day the Sun turns around.
6. It's the First Day of Astronomical Winter  
In the Northern Hemisphere, astronomers and scientists use the December Solstice as the start of the winter season, which ends on the March Equinox. For meteorologists, on the other hand, winter began three weeks ago on December 1
7. The Earth Isn't Farthest From the Sun  
During winter in the Northern Hemisphere, the Earth is actually closest to the Sun. Different seasons are not defined by how far the Earth is from the Sun. Seasons occur because Earth orbits the Sun on a slant, with an axial tilt of around 23.4 degrees. Therefore different amounts of sunlight reaches the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, causing variation in temperatures and weather patterns throughout the year.  
In fact, the Earth is on its Perihelion - the point on the Earth's orbit closest to the Sun - a few weeks after the December Solstice.
8. Earliest Sunset Not on the Solstice  
Most places in the Northern Hemisphere see their earliest sunset a few days before the Solstice and their latest sunrise a few days after the Solstice. This happens because of the difference between how we measure time using watches and the time measured by a sundial.
9. Daylight Hours Increase Faster in the North  
If you are in the Northern Hemisphere, the increase rate of daylight hours depends on your location's latitude - in more northern latitudes you will see a rapid increase in daylight hours compared to if you're in the more southern latitudes.
10. Celebrated Around the World  
Many cultures around the world hold feasts and celebrate holidays around the December Solstice.

## • DECEMBER HOLIDAYS •

- December 1<sup>st</sup>: World's AIDS Day
- December 7<sup>th</sup>: Pearl Harbor Day
- December 9<sup>th</sup>: Anti-Corruption Day
- December 10<sup>th</sup>: Human Rights Day
- December 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Solstice
- December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>: Hanukkah
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve
- December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas
- December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve

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### FESTIVAL OF TREES

December 9th-11th

Tree Display Schedule:

Friday:- 5pm-8pm • Saturday: 9am - 8pm • Sunday: 12 noon - 4pm

Marketplace Schedule:

Saturday: 9am-6pm • Sunday: 12 noon - 4pm

Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology (CPI)

540 North Harrison Road, Pleasant Gap, PA 16823

Proceeds benefit Centre County United Way

The 22nd annual event will take place at CPI in Pleasant Gap and will be in partnership with the annual Bellefonte Victorian Christmas <http://www.bellefontevictorianchristmas.com/>. The auditorium at CPI will be turned into a Winter Wonderland for everyone to enjoy during a weekend-long celebration of the holiday season. Proceeds will help support the 35 Centre County United Way Partner Agencies. Businesses and organizations in Centre County purchase and decorate live trees, which are displayed for the community to enjoy.

This year's event will be bigger and better!!! Featuring: more decorated trees, photos with Santa, letters to Santa, craft vendors, activities for kids, live entertainment, free shuttle from downtown Bellefonte, food and beverages for sale and poinsettias for sale!

## • STATE COLLEGE EVENTS •

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: Stocking Stuffer Preview Party-6:30pm

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: First Friday December-5pm

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: Stocking Stuffer Antique Art & Fine Craft Sale-9am

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Craft Market-9am

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Polar Express-11am

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Tribute-12:45pm

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Victorian Christmas-9am

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Festival of Trees-5pm

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Craft Fair-9am

Dec 27<sup>th</sup>: Winter Fun Mini-Camp!-9:30am

### EVENTS

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cabinet-8pm

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Thank You, Jimmy Stewart!-7pm

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>: The Nutcracker Ballet-3pm

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>: Happy Holidays Ice Show-2pm

Dec 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: It's a Wonderful Life-4pm & 7:30pm

### CONCERTS/ SHOWS

## • RECIPE OF THE MONTH •



### *Gumdrop Fudge Recipe*

#### *Ingredients*

1-1/2 pounds white candy coating, coarsely chopped

1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

1/8 teaspoon salt

1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1-1/2 cups chopped gumdrops

#### *Directions*

Line a 9-in. square pan with foil; set aside. In a heavy saucepan, combine the candy coating, milk and salt. Cook and stir over low heat until candy coating is melted. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla and gumdrops.

Spread into prepared pan. Cover and refrigerate until firm. Using foil, remove fudge from the pan; cut into 1-in. squares. Store in an airtight container at room temperature. Yield: about 3 pounds.

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### **RANDOM FACT:**

December is Safe Toys & Gifts Month!

"I cannot even imagine where I would be today were it not for that handful of friends who have given me a heart full of joy. Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun."

-Charles R. Swindoll

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