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Delaware Day • Pearl Harbor Day · Poinsettia Day <u>Chanukah</u>
 <u>Winter Solstice</u> Festivus · Boxing Day · Kwanzaa • National Fruitcake Day • New Year's Eve • Bingo Month · Write a Friend Month

12/11_InterNatl Children's Day Natl Noodle Ring Day Rita Moreno-80, Donna Mills-69, Brenda Lee-67, Teri Garr-66 Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated in order to marry American Wallis Warfield Simpson. (1936), United Nations International Children's **Emergency Fund (UNICEF)** was established by the U.N. General Assembly. (1946)

12/12 Natl Ding-a-Ling Day Poinsettia Day Edward G. Robinson* 118 (1973), Frank Sinatra* 96 (1998), Bob Barker-88, Connie Francis-73, **Dionne Warwick-70 Charles** M. Schwab formed the United States Steel

Corporation. (1900), Father Edward Flanagan opened Boys Town in Nebraska. The farm village was for wayward boys. In 1979 it was opened to girls. (1917), British engineer Christopher Cockerell patented the first hovercraft. (1955)

12/13 Ice Cream Day Violin Day Mary Todd Lincoln* 193 (1882), Dick Van Dyke-86, Christopher Plummer-84, John Davidson-70, Ted Nugent-62 The Clipon tie is created. (1928), Anna Mary Robertson Moses, "Grandma Moses, passed away at the age of 101. (1961), Sentry Armored Car Company in New York discovered that \$11 million had been stolen from its headquarters overnight. It was the biggest cash theft in U.S. history. (1982)

12/14 Natl Bouillabaisse Day Nostradamus* 508 (1556), James Doolittle* 115 (1993), Morey Amsterdam* 97 (1996), Don Hewitt-89, Lee Remick-76, Patty Duke-65 Howard Cosell retired from the NFL's Monday Night Football. (1984), Charles M. Schulz announced he was retiring the "Peanuts" comic strip. The last original entire U.S. (1976)

"Peanuts" comic strip was published on February 13, 2000. (1999)

12/15 Bill of Rights Day Natl Lemon Cupcake Day Alexandre Gustave Eiffel*179 (1923), J. Paul Getty*119 (1976), Clyde McPhatter* 79 (1972), Tim Conway-78, Alan Freed*89 (1965), Dave Clark-69, Don Johnson-62, Michael Shanks-41 The Bill of Rights are enacted, amending the U.S Constitution (1791), Gone With the Wind premiered in where else but Atlanta, Georgia. (1939) Infamous band leader Glenn Miller died in a plane crash over the English Channel.(1944)



Beethoven* 241 (1827), Margaret Mead*110 (1978), Arthur C. Clarke* 94 (2008), Liv Ullmann-73, Lesley

Stahl-70, Benjamin Bratt-48, Hallee Hirsh-33 Boston residents protesting British taxation threw tea overboard on a British ship. (1773), The first postage stamp to depict an airplane was issued was a 20-cent parcel-post stamp. (1912), NBC-TV debuted "Dragnet" in a special preview on "Chesterfield Sound Off Time". The show began officially on January 3, 1952. (1951), Miami Dolphins became the first NFL team to go unbeaten and untied in a 14-game regular season. They went on to defeat the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII.

12/17 Natl Maple Syrup Day Gene Rayburn*94 (1999), George Lindsey-76, Paul Butterfield* 69 (1987), Bill Pullman-57, Sean Patrick Thomas-42_The Wright Brothers made their first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. (1903), The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) decided to approve RCA's color television specifications. (1953), The film "On the Beach' premiered in New York City and in 17 other cities. It was the first motion picture to debut simultaneously in major cities around the world. (1959), WTCG-TV, Atlanta, GA, changed its call letters to WTBS, and was uplinked via satellite. The station became the first commercial TV station to cover the

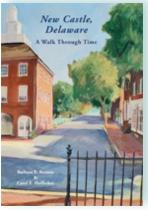


Book Signing

Wed., Dec. 14th • 6 to 8 pm New Castle Public Library 424 Delaware Street Oak Knoll Books and the New Castle Historical Society will present a book signing of the new publication

New Castle, Delaware: A Walk Through Time

by well-known Delaware authors Barbara E. Benson & Carol E. Hoffecker.



Tracing the entire history of New Castle, from its seventeenthcentury settlement to the present, New Castle, Delaware: A Walk Through Time, discusses the city's development, its neighborhoods, and its historic architecture. The book is generously illustrated with maps, drawings and photographs. Light refreshments will be served, and brief remarks will be made by the authors. A perfect holiday gift, the new book will be available for purchase at the event and the the authors will sign copies.

CIVIL WAR <u>K X K D</u> * CHRISTMAS * **The Old Library Museum**

East Third Street • New Castle A Civil War Christmas runs thru December 30th.

A look at the celebration and icons of this holiday during the Victorian period. The Old Library Museum is open free on weekends, 1 to 4 pm. Special hours will be

available during the week following Christmas, Dec. 26 through Dec. 30

Visit the **newcastlehistory.org** or call 302-322-2794

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 Thu 12/15
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 Sat 12/17
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Immanuel on the Green 5pm Christmas Eve (Family Service) 10pm Christmas Eve (Festival Eucharist) 10am Christmas Day New Castle Presbyterian

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5:30pm FamilyService (Meeting House)

7:30m Traditional Service (Meeting House) 9:30pm Traditional Service (Meeting House) New Castle United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Service will be at 10pm • Christmas Day at 10am **St. Peter the Apostle Parish** *Vigil of Christmas* App Mass (Church • Som Mass (Church • Midnight • Midnight

4pm Mass/Church • 6pm Mass/Church • Midnight Mass/Church First Baptist Church

5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, with the Wilmington String Quartet will perform traditional Christmas carols. Auditorium.

> Santa Saturdays Come and see Santa and his Elves on Sat., Dec. 17 - 11 am to 2 pm in the Delaware History Museum 504 Market Street - Wilm. Call (302) 656-0637 Wed-Fri 11am-4pm for information.

Sat., Dec. 17 **3** 1- 5pm **"Ought it not be a Merry Christmas?"** 2nd Annual Christmas at Belmont Hall

512 South DuPont Hwy • Smyrna

will be <u>A Civil War Christmas</u>. Enjoy the beautiful historic home decorated for the season and get in the holiday spirit while learning how Christmas was celebrated 150 years ago during the Civil War. *Events include*:

Military encampment of the 2nd Delaware Voluntary Infantry, Civil War re-enactors "Underneath it All" Son A talk and

demonstration of articles of clothing worn by women and children of the Civil War era will be presented by Katrinka Contant who has extensive knowledge of 18th and 19th



century clothing" It Was Snowing on Christmas Eve 3 Military historian, George Contant will present this program that tells the story of Christmas in the field and on the home front during the Civil War.

Re-Enactors' Presentation See Learn how the soldiers' spent their Christmas during a time of war.

Buffalo Soldiers Ser Representatives will share information about how this famed military unit was formed and where they served.

The **Harmonettes and the First State Harmonizers** will entertain with carols from the time of the Civil War.

Sleigh rides - Model train display → Children's crafts Christmas Decorations by the Duck Creek Horticultural Society. Santa Claus will be here to welcome the children. Bring your camera! Cost: Adults \$5 - Children \$2 → About Friends of Belmont Hall



CAROLING IN OLD NEW CASTLE

Mark your calendar for a great evening of **Christmas Caroling Friday night December 16th!** We will meet at **NC Presbyterian Church** at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling. We will end up at *Gene and Carol Mayhew's* house, 17 E. 5th Street in New Castle, for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm). Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.



"Where Friends Gather" http://newcastleseniorcenter.com



Mon 12/12 - 9:15 Bylers and Lunch Out Tues. 12/13 - 12 Holiday Celebration Lunch, 12:30 Entertainment by William Penn H.S. Chorus Wed. 12/14 - 9:30 Seated Tai Chi, 12:30 Brain Boosters Thurs. 12/15 - 12:30 Grocery Store, 5 Christmas Bingo w/ Girl Scouts Boosters Fri. 12/16 10 RSVP CareWear Meeting at B'nai B'rith

WED

MON

8:30 Park Walk 9-3:00 Billiards 9:00 Pool Exercise 9:30 Wii Bowling 10:00 Crafty Seniors 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Chair Yoga 9-3:00 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 10:00 Bingo 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Strength Building/Exercise

TUES

9-3:00 Billiards 9:00 Pinochle 11:00 Line Dancing 12:00 Lunch 1:30 Tai Chi with

9-7:00 Billiards 9:00 Pinochle 9:30 Wii Bowling 9:30 Shanghai 9:30 Bridge 12:00 Lunch 12:20 Super Market: 1:00 Zumba Gold 2:00 Qi Gong/Tai Chi 5:30 Yoga

THURS

9-3:00 Billiards 9:30 Knit/ Crochet 9:30 Wii Bowling 10:00 Bingo 12:00 Lunch

FRI



Ellie and Tamara, (Jon's girlfriend) enjoy Christmas shopping while supporting the local economy of Muenster Germany. (nice Cobblestones over there Ellie)





New Castle's **1710 AL** Connection

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL Christmas Musical - Wondrous Gift ~ The Treasure of Jesus~ Sunday, December 11 • 10:30 AM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AUDITORIUM The performance is free of charge and open to our community. 302.328.4000 http://www.fbcde.com





CARLINCOBBLECOMMENT If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

PLEASE JOIN US & CELEBRATE OUR First Anniversary ** Sunday, Dec 11th ** 11am-6pm Enjoy a special cake designed by Desserts by Dana, next Great Baker Winner Dana Herbert. Dignitaries will be there at 10am to officially cut the cake!







ingredients

2 teaspoons vegetable oil 1/2 teaspoon ginger, minced 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped 1/2 cup soy sauce 1/2 cup water 3/4 cup dark brown sugar vegetable oil, for frying (about 1 cup) 1 lb flank steak 1/4 cup cornstarch

2 large green onions

directions:

Make the sauce by heating 2 tsp of vegetable oil in a medium saucepan over med/low heat. Don't get the oil too hot. Add ginger and garlic to the pan and quickly add the soy sauce and water before the garlic scorches. Dissolve the brown sugar in the sauce, then raise the heat to about medium and boil the sauce for 2-3 minutes or until the sauce thickens. Remove it from the heat.

Slice the flank steak against the grain into 1/4" thick bite-size slices. Tilt the blade of your knife at about a forty five degree angle to the top of the steak so that you get wider cuts.

Dip the steak pieces into the cornstarch to apply a very thin dusting to both sides of each piece of beef

Let the beef sit for about 10 minutes so that the cornstarch sticks.

As the beef sits, heat up one cup of oil in a wok (you may also use a



skillet for this step as long as the beef will be mostly covered with oil). Heat the oil over medium heat until it's nice and hot, but not smoking.

12 Add the beef to the oil and sauté for just two minutes, or until the beef just begins to darken on the edges. You don't need a thorough cooking here since the beef is going to go back on the heat later. Stir the meat around a little so that

it cooks evenly.

After a couple minutes, use a large slotted spoon to take the meat out and onto paper towels, then pour the oil out of the wok or skillet. Put the pan back over the heat, add the water, dump the meat back into it and simmer for one minute.

Add the sauce, cook for one minute while stirring, then add all the green onions.

Cook for one more minute, then remove the beef and onions with tongs or a slotted spoon to a serving plate. Leave the excess sauce behind in the pan.

Mongolian Beef

Pomegranate White Chocolate Cheesecake

ingredients

Crust & Filling 14 creme-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (1 1/4 cups finely crushed)

2 pkg (6 oz) white chocolate,

chopped

4 pkg (8 oz each) cream cheese, Softened

1/2 cup sugar ,1/2 tsp Double-Strength Vanilla

4 eggs, room temperature Sauce & Garnish 1 cup (250 mL) 100%

pomegranate juice

1 tbsp cornstarch Sweetened whipped cream, pomegranate seeds and white chocolate curls (optional)

- *directions.* Preheat oven to 325°F (160°F). For crust, lightly spray sides of **Springform Pan** with nonstick cooking spray. Break cookies in half and place in Manual Food Processor; cover and pump handle to form very fine crumbs. Press cookie crumbs evenly over bottom and slightly up sides of pan. Bake 8 minutes. Remove pan from oven to **Stackable Cooling Rack.**
- For filling, place chocolate in microwave safe bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 1-1. minutes or until mostly melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Place cream cheese, sugar and vanilla into Stainless (4-qt./4-L) Mixing Bowl; beat on medium speed of electric mixer just until incorporated. Beat in eggs, one at a time, mixing after each addition just until incorporated. Add chocolate; mix just until blended. Pour over crust.
- Bake 55-65 minutes or until center appears nearly set when gently shaken (center will firm as it cools). Turn off oven; open oven door slightly. Let cheesecake stand in oven 1 hour. Remove pan from oven to cooling rack; remove collar from pan. Cover cheesecake; refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.
- For sauce, combine juice and cornstarch in 1.5-qt. saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer 1-2 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; pour into 2 cup prep bowl. Cover and refrigerate until chilled.
- For each serving, drizzle with syrup and garnish with whipped cream, pomegranate seeds and chocolate curls, if desired.

Poinsettia Cocktail



ingredients

1/4 cup vodka 1/4 cup Champagne 1/2 cup cranberry juice Crushed ice 2 strips orange zest, each about 1/4-inch wide

and 2 inches long directions

Combine the vodka, Champagne and juice in a largestemmed red wine glass. Add crushed ice and stir until the mixture is well chilled. Twist the orange strips over the glass, drop them in, and serve.





Burgundy Bubbler

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1 1/2 cups orange juice 3 cups burgundy wine or any leftover red wine 3 cups sparkling cider

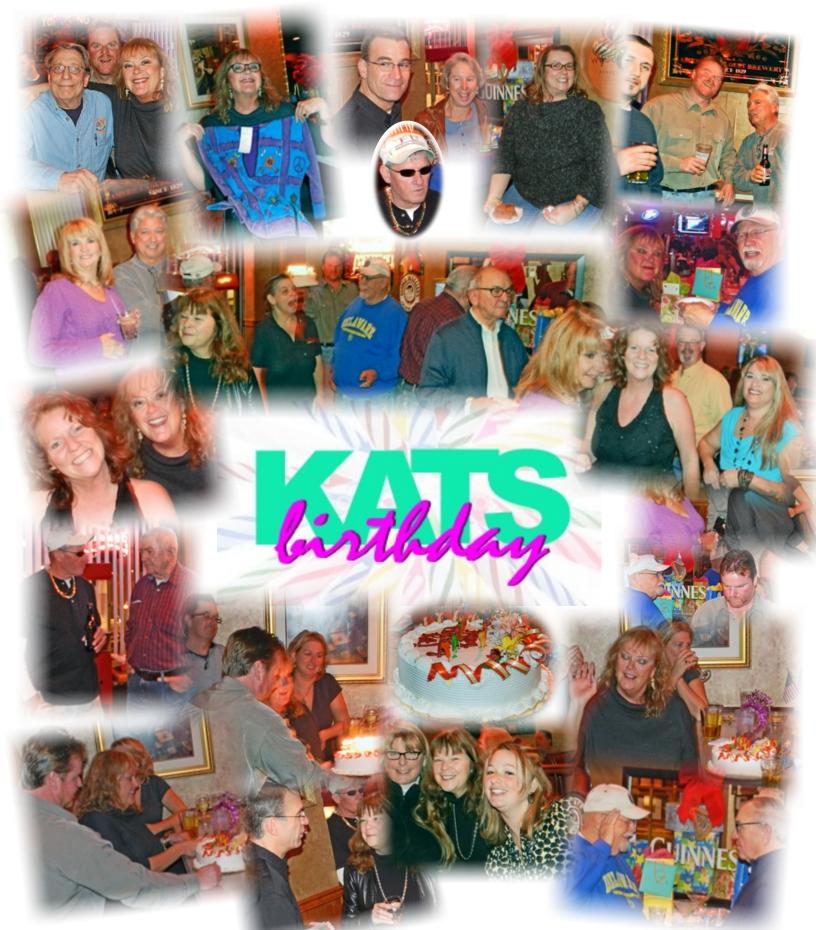
directions

Chill all ingredients. Pour 1/4 cup orange juice and 1/2 cup red wine into each highball glass. Top off each

with a 1/2 cup of sparkling cider. Serve chilled.







I'm often accused of being the "Mama" amongst my circle of friends and acquaintances. But, hey, can you blame me??? These people need taking care of!!!! All kidding aside....if I am the "Mama", and I'll accept the title, it's because I care for these folks - a lot!! They do have their idiosynchracies and quirks and bad hair days just like everyone else. They may have a dark mood or a case of the crazies from time to time. Who doesn't? But this community that comprises my friends are also so special and giving. Rides to the airport, much needed support during the saddest times in our lives, soup when you're sick, enthusiasm for every party, wisdom when you're stumped, and tears and laughter as needed, all add up to one big shoulder to lean on. I am so grateful for my community of friends. They are the best gift anyone could receive. I want to thank everyone [you know who you are] who participated in my birthday celebration Friday night. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated as are the gifts I mentioned above..the ones that "keep on giving" every day.



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Winners to be announced on Sun. Dec. 11th



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> Tues. 12/27 Wed. 12/28

Mon. 1/2

Tues. 1/3

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*Registration required for event

Happy Cobblestone Birthday

sun. 1211 Penn's Place1

Mon. 12/12 Jack's Bistroz Arista G. Thurs. 12/15 Thomas T.

Birthday or Anniversary approaching?

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Cobblestone Reminders See the New Castle Weekly for Full Schedules Tues. 12/13 • City Council Mtg. 7pm Thurs. 12/15 • Historic Area Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm Tues. 12/20 • Historic NC Alliance Mtg.Court House 7pm Wed. 12/21 • Flower Beautification Mtg/Library. 5:30pm

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