Dec. 5

**Natl. Fruit Cake Month**  **Natl. Egg Nog Month**

Second Week **Lager Beer Week**


I'll drink to that! **SEE PAGE 4**

Dec. 6 **St. Nicholas Day**  **Mitten Tree Day**

Natl. Gazpacho Day  **Microwave Oven Day**

Dec. 7 **Pearl Harbor Day**  **Natl. Cotton Candy Day**

**InterNatl. Civil Aviation Day**  **Letter Writing Day**

Dec. 8 **Natl. Chocolate Brownie Day**

Dec. 9 **Natl. Pastry Day**

Dec. 10 **Natl. Lager Day**  **Human Rights Day**

Dec. 11 **Natl. Noodle Ring Day**

Dec. 12 **Natl. Cocoa Day**  **Natl. Ding-a-Ling Day**

**Poinsettia Day**  **InterNatl. Children's Day**

Let’s show what New Castle Cobblestones’ **CAN DO!**

While you’re out shopping, put an extra toy, for a little girl or boy, in your cart...on Christmas morn, it will certainly warm a little ones’ heart! **No excuses**...Collection boxes are all over the place. **USE ONE TODAY**...in New Castle the donation site is **JACK’S BISTRO**

222 Delaware Street  
302.544.5174
**Around The Green...**

**Get in the Holiday Spirit**

Come see Santa & his Elves on **Sat., Dec. 11, and 18. Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street – Wilm. • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** [Click here for more details about being "in" during the Holiday!]

**Home for the Holidays**

After an extensive restoration, the **Read House & Gardens** is celebrating the season bedecked in holiday finery.

Enjoy a special display of Victorian toys from our collections complemented by Christmas trees with hand-made decorations. **During Dec. Wed. – Fri., 11 am - 4 pm Sat. 10 am - 4 pm Sun.** 11 am - 4 pm. 42 The Strand - New Castle (302) 322-8411

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**The first celebration of Delaware Day, according to the written record, featured speeches by local historians and school choirs singing "Our Delaware." Students of Milford High School presented a dramatization of the ratification. A must see link:**


Since 1933, the governors of Delaware have proclaimed December 7 as Delaware Day in honor of that day in 1787 when Delaware became the first state to ratify the Federal Constitution, thus making Delaware the first state in the New Nation. 223 years ago.

Today, unless you're in the fourth grade of a Delaware school, you're probably not involved in any official celebration.

Perhaps today, we should take a break and recognize how unique and great we really are in Delaware. We have an enormous amount of historical and artistic riches.

When people ask why every company that is worth anything incorporates here, you can say "Chancery Court," and they’ll nod because they don’t want to admit they have no clue what that is. We have scrapple, many home brewed beers and wines, nationally recognized businesses, sports for every fan and natural habitats that beckon visitors from across the nation. Most importantly, we are a small and intimate state, and we benefit from the relationships and flexibility this allows. This is as true today as it was in 1787.

Pennsylvania’s Constitutional Convention started nearly 13 days before Delaware’s, but that state didn’t ratify the Constitution until five days after we had signed on. What took us five days took Pennsylvania 18.

So, today, unfurl your Delaware flag, cook some scrapple, visit Winterthur or drink a Dogfish Head, and let’s chalk up one more year of being first.

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**See these specials...**

**Delaware Christmas video:**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-ibogijZwk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-ibogijZwk)

**Delaware Day Student Competition**


**See the attached Establishment of Delaware Day**

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**FOR RENT**

A spacious apartment in the heart of New Castle on Delaware Street. Just a stones throw from Battery Park, shopping and dining! 2 BR, recently renovated, hardwood floors, new bath and kitchen, stainless steel appliances. $1000 per month, tenant pays heat & hot water, no smoking or pets. Call 610 467-0154

House available at **118 W. 6th Street.** 2 BR, 2 Bath, finished basement, new kitchen, private back yard, A/C, wood floors with a fireplace. $1150.00 and utilities. Call 302-229-3083

**Christmas Trees for Sale**

Gently used, all in original boxes. Kirkland Brand all pre-lit. • 9 foot tree is $300 • Two 7.5 foot trees $150 each

Contact Christina 302-750-9123

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**Cobblestone Reminders**

**See the New Castle Weekly for Full Schedules**

- Mon. 12/16 • Tree Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm
- Tues. 12/14 • Public Hearing Ord.#476 6pm
- Tues. 12/14 • City Council. Mtg. 7pm
- Wed. 12/15 • Flower Beaut. Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm
- Thurs. 12/16 • Historic Area Comm. Mtg. 5pm
No knee’d to worry...

#1 Elf reports he’s do’n just fine.

New workshop is humming right along!

The beautiful lady asked,
“Do they let dogs in here?”
To which the innkeeper replied,
“Of course… we let them in!”

Name the new Dog Contest
Send your suggestion to
flytedb13@comcast.net

How many beans in your Sambuca?

Lucky 4th Bean!

On the Gridiron

Nearly 200 fans watched as St. Anthony’s Club of New Castle won the NCC Flag Football League for the third consecutive year, with a score of 14-7 against the Wilm. Steelers. The game was played at the Delcastle Recreation Area.

Mario DiAngelo coached St. Anthony’s to the win. St. Anthony’s MVP was Roy Hoskins, who accounted for 8 of the 14 points on two field goals of 37 and 35 yards, and one 2-point kick.

A hearty, healthy breakfast is in order before beginning your Spirit of Christmas activities Saturday. And the local troop 927 Girl Scouts are ready to serve at their Community Breakfast 8 to 10:30 at the United Methodist Church, 510 Del. St. Hot drinks, pancakes & sausages, all for only $5 adults ~ $3 children.

Tell them you saw it in the Cobblestones!

Support our Girl Scouts!

NEW CASTLE'S SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

Around The Town

BROADWAY CAFÉ • 410 Delaware St. • 302-250-0117

JACK’S BISTRO • 222 Delaware St. • 302-544-5174

JESSOP’S TAVERN • 114 Delaware St. • 302-322-6111

St. Nicholas visits during The Spirit of Christmas. Stop in for a candy cane and food and drink specials all day! Also visit the Arsenal on the Green for a sale of all items of memorabilia.

PRINCE ON DELAWARE • 124 Delaware St. • 302-326-1130

PORTO-FINO PIZZA • Ferry Cut • 302-322-3330

Don’t miss: The Tea Room (One Shaw Alley; tea, coffee, and cakes free from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.; Preorder Lunch-to-Go; Call 302-324-8889) and Traders Cove (206 Delaware St.). Free refreshments will be available at the New Castle Presbyterian Church, 25 E. Second St.

THE 10TH ANNUAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

"Music is in the Air“ a town-wide celebration presenting private homes and churches decorated for the season in the historic district of New Castle 9:30am Sat., Dec. 11th.

Presented by the New Castle Presbyterian Church and the New Castle Visitor’s Bureau, many historic homes, some dating to the 1700s, including the Lesley Manor Mansion, will be open from 10am to 4pm followed by the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Market Square on the Center Green, at 5pm. All events are free to the public.

Programs for self-guided home tours are available at the New Castle Presbyterian Church’s Christian Education Building at 25 E. Second St., at 9:30 A.M. The 1707 Meeting House presents The Celtic Harp Quartet at 10am the Colonial Chimers hand bell concert 1pm, the Celebration Ringers hand bell concert at 1:30pm, and the New Ark Chorale at 3pm.

The New Castle Visitors Center is hosting the Cab Calloway School of the Arts’ premier jazz choir, “The JazzChords of Calloway” at 2pm and their 6th Grade Vocal Majors at 1:30 pm at the New Castle Court House Museum. Also, performing inside the New Castle Court House Museum Noon to 12:35 pm are the Pencader Charter School’s Concert Choir and Titan Chorale.

Singing in front of Old Town Hall is Delaware’s fresh female vocalist upon the music scene, Caitlin Jane, whose new CD release is “Ashes into Beauty.” Concluding the day is New Castle’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, which features the William Penn Chorale.

The New Castle Historical Society will provide special holiday tours at the Amstel and Dutch Houses. The Amstel House parlor is decorated for a traditional holiday celebration in colonial times, while the Dutch House features a celebration of St. Nicholas’ Eve, a tribute to the legend of Saint Nicholas, Dutch patron saint. Admission is free. And, Winter Merriment can be experienced at the Read House and Gardens highlighting American Christmas Traditions of the 19th and 20th centuries. Admission at the Read House is $2.
The Velocipede Museum where a Secret Santa Shop is available for children to shop and visit with Santa.

The 353-year-old New Castle Presbyterian Church is presenting the fine art photography of Carlo Viola. He has created several new sets of blank note cards, which will be available on the day of the event. Each set contains six never before exhibited images designed to inspire a closer look at historic New Castle.


Info: call the N C Presbyterian Church (302) 328-3279 or visit http://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/spirit/

What’s going on?

Not an archeological dig, no exciting finds. Rather a draining project to help prevent flooding on the Green behind the Arsenal.

Today is Repeal Day! (full article link below)

77 years ago today, (we could celebrate all week long) Dec. 5th should be marked on any drinker’s calendar! That day in 1933, the 21st Amendment was ratified, ending Prohibition. Some of the nations most notable establishments’ of imbibing have concocted drinks in honor of the holiday. A sampling to consider:

Cure - New Orleans
Gunshop Fizz, which uses 2 ounces of bitters, where many drinks might call for two dashes. If you enjoy strong flavors. The bar, in the Uptown area, will celebrate Repeal Day with a happy hour and vintage drinks. 504-302-2337; cornola.com

Rob Roy - Seattle
Resembling a 1950s rec room, the Rob Roy knows its cocktails. The staff cuts ice in different-sized chunks to make specific drinks. The cocktail to order, of course, is a Rob Roy. "It's Scotch whisky with sweet vermouth and bitters, stirred not shaken." James Bond, he says, had it all wrong. 206-656-8423; robroyseattle.com

Franklin Mortgage & Investment Co. - Philadelphia
The name of one of the city’s largest bootlegging operations during Prohibition, Franklin Mortgage & Investment looks like a speakeasy. Located near Rittenhouse Square, it’s a dark, clubby place. It will offer a special cocktail in honor of Repeal Day. 267-467-3277; thefranklinbar.com


Anthony’s Club Spaghetti Dinner Salad, Roll, Spaghetti and two meatballs! IS TODAY......and the First Sunday of Each Month $7

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TGJ, Editor deck’n the halls!