

'REDEMPTION ISLAND' COMES TO GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH



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Grace Community Church will hold a Vacation Bible School entitled "Redemption Island" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 16-20. Children ages 3-12 are invited to come and make new friends, experience and learn Bible stories, songs, games, crafts and other activities which make Redemption Island come alive. Each day, they will explore with pirates and learn about working together for God. Grace community Church is located on Route 415, North Memorial Highway (across from Chapel Lawn and Castle Restaurant). Call 675-3723 to enroll your child or visit the church's website at www.gracechurchdallas.org

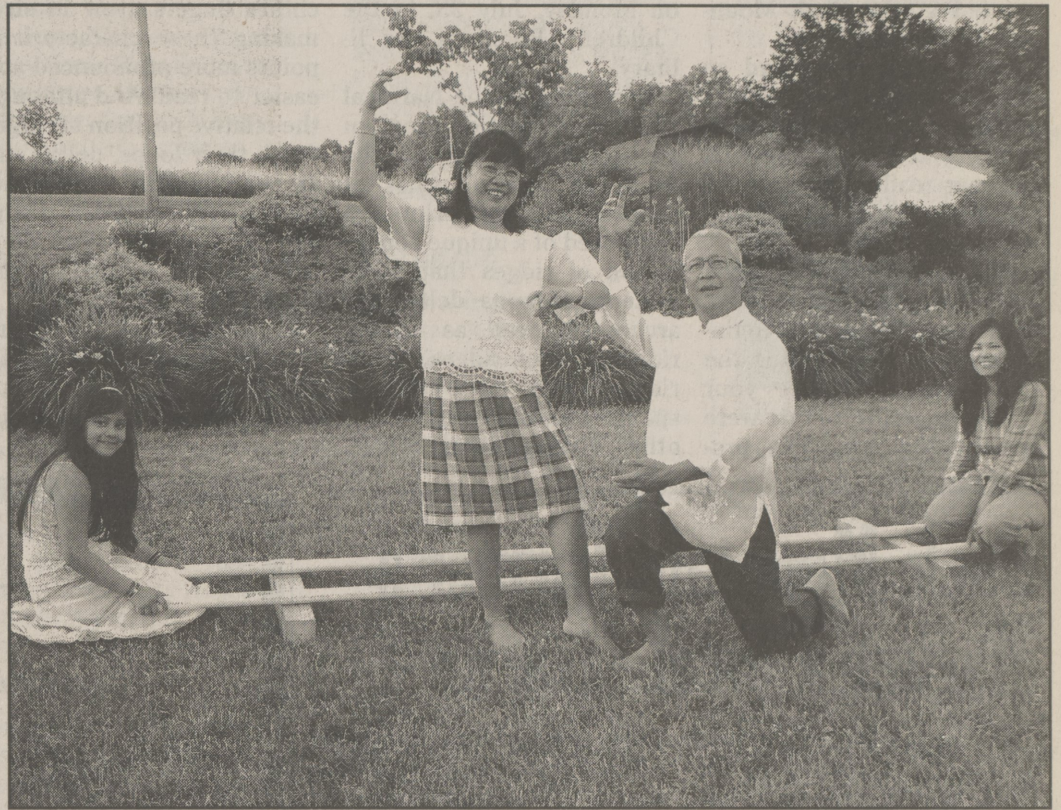
Missionaries share photos, video from Philippines

New Life Community Church, Brace Road in Dallas, is hosting a Filipino Cultural Day on Sunday, July 15.

The event starts at 10:30 a.m., as Jan and Leslie Drayer, missionaries to the Philippines share their experiences ministering in the Philippines, as well as photos and video from their work. New Life has supported the Drayers in their ministry for over a decade. Pastor Gideon Gaitano, himself a Filipino, invites the public to attend and learn about the country and culture of the islands.

A Filipino lunch will follow the presentation, as well as demonstrations of games dance and customs of this South East Asian Island. One of the dances that will be demonstrated is the "pandanggo sa ilaw," where the dancers balance glasses with lit candles on their heads, and the children will have an opportunity to participate in "patintero" similar to the American game of tag.

The event is free and open to the public. For information on this very special day, call New Life at 570-639-5433 or 570-"NEW-LIFE".



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Preparing for Filipino Cultural Day at New Life Community Church in Dallas are, from left, Manuela Eliza Goehring, Emy Garen Shales, Manny Pons and Aracelli "Neneng" Rowe.

RONALD MASITIS

Served as Second Lieutenant in Marine Corps

Ronald G. Masitis, 74, of East Ridge Street, Shavertown, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

Born in New Philadelphia, Schuylkill County, he earned dual B.S. degrees from Baylor University; a degree in Physical Therapy from Baylor Medical School, both of Austin, Texas. He continued his formal education earning a master's in Education and Health Administration from Northeastern Univer-

sity of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Masitis served with the U.S. Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant. He was employed for over 31 years by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health, the last 17 years serving as the executive director of the Northeast District, Kingston.

Masitis was a member of St. Therese Roman Catholic Church, Shavertown, where he served as a lector; was a third-

degree member and past Grand Knight of the Middletown Knights of Columbus; and was a member and supporter of the W.V.I.A. Polka Club.

Surviving are a son, Mark and his wife, AnneMarie, of Exeter; daughters, Michelle Masitis-Mooney, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Melissa Masitis-McNulty, of Harrisburg; one grandson; sister, Alice DiCesare, of Latham, N.Y.; many nieces and nephews.

LEVI STEELE

Worked as security guard

Levi Steele, 75, of Harveys Lake, passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at his home.

Born in Pringle, he was a security guard for Allied Security at Proctor & Gamble, Mehoopany before retiring.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean conflict

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, the former Irene Rusinko; sons, Joseph M. and Robert J., both of Harveys Lake; brothers, Marshall, Florida, Earl May, Noxen; sister, Evelyn McElvy, Hershey; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

ALVAH JONES

Served in World War II

Alvah E. Jones, 85, died on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at the home of family in Bradenton, Fla.

Born in Dallas, he grew up in the Dallas area and graduated from the Dallas High School in 1940. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He worked at and retired from Native Textiles in Dallas over the years and most recently was a crossing guard with the Dallas School District.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 672, Dallas. He was also a member of Huntsville Christian Church of Dallas.

MARGARET KUPINEWICZ

Worked as a seamstress

Margaret P. Kupinewicz, 94, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, July 7, 2007 at her residence.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and worked as a seamstress until she retired.

Surviving are her daughters, Margaret Staskiel,

of Tunkhannock; and Elizabeth Hall, of South Auburn; two grandsons; three granddaughters; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County Humane Society.

MARTHA PECK

Lived in area for 10 years

Martha Peck, 84, of Dallas, died Saturday, June 30, 2007, in Riverstreet Manor.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a graduate of Brooklyn High School and moved to this area 10 years ago.

Surviving are sons, Ray Peck, of Harveys Lake, and Bill, of New York City; daughter, Leonice "Lee" Judson, of Harveys Lake, three grandsons; several nieces and nephews.

NANCY KRESGE

Earned master's degree in biology

Nancy A. Kresge, 59, of Huntsville Road, Dallas, passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2007 at her home.

Born in Clarks Summit, she graduated from Scott Township High School and Penn State Uni-

versity and received her master's degree in biology from New York University.

She was an avid tennis player and golfer, enjoying her memberships at the Valley Swim & Tennis Club and The Huntsville Golf Club.

Surviving are her parents, John and Dorothy Yckowski; her husband, Ronald A.; her sister, Mrs. Fran (Jean) O'Piel, Tomkinsville; one nephew.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society.

KENNETH WINTERS

Employed as machine operator

Kenneth C. Winters Jr., 52, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Tyler Memorial Hospital.

Born in Scranton, he lived in Tunkhannock since 1996 and prior to that lived in Brinktown for most of his life.

He was employed as a machine operator for the Perkins Cascade Paper Company in Pittston for 34 years. He was a man of Methodist faith.

Surviving are seven sons, Kenneth C. Winters III, of Reading; Michael R. Winters, of Falls; Wil-

liam Boice Jr., of Hawaii; Todd A. Boice, Sean P. Winters, Zachary S. Winters and Mitchell L. Winters, all of Tunkhannock; two sisters, Dora Smith of Northumberland; and Irene Feringa, of Hallstead; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

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AMAZING GRACE • July 18 • Rated PG; 111 Minutes

A quintessential historical epic, the film details 18th Century British politician William Wilberforce's life-long mission to end slavery in the British Empire. Although born into a well-to-do merchant family, Wilberforce opts to enter politics and is elected into Parliament at the age of twenty-one. Inspired to serve by humanitarian interests, the young philanthropist soon becomes a leading advocate of social reform. Even though he experiences set-backs, Wilberforce is spurred on in his abolitionist efforts by John Newton (Albert Finney), the remorseful former slave ship captain who wrote the hymn Amazing Grace following a dramatic religious conversion.



FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION • July 25 • Rated PG-13; 86 Minutes

This award-show skewering comedy follows the cast of an atrociously sappy independent film called Home for Purim and their delirious reaction to internet rumors and entertainment show speculation that they may be up for Academy Awards for their performances. Writer and director Christopher Guest (This is Spinal Tap, Best in Show, A Mighty Wind) brings together his loyal troupe of performers with a sprinkling of new faces for this film portraying talented indie thespians stung by Oscar buzz with his usual deadpan wit, carefully crafted satire and close attention to detail.



THE VALET • August 8 • Rated PG-13; 85 Minutes

Hilarious slapstick, an intricate and lively plot, tick-tock timing and a variety of unusual characters make this charming French farce an old-fashioned joy. When a billionaire CEO gets caught leaving a posh Paris hotel with his supermodel mistress by a paparazzo he quickly concocts an outrageous plan to save his marriage and company. He bribes the hotel's car service valet, also captured in the photo, to pretend that he and the model are a couple in order to mislead the tabloids and his wife (Kristin Scott Thomas). Meanwhile he must convince his mistress, accustomed to an expensive life style, to live with the valet in his cruddy apartment until the dust settles and they can continue their affair. (French with English subtitles)

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