

New books on library shelves

The following new books have been added to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for December 2008:

EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"Scarpetta" by Patricia Cornwell, "Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler, "The Private Patient" by P.D. James, "Cruel Intent" by Judith A. Jance, "Born to Run" by James Grippando, "Your Heart Belongs to Me" by Dean Koontz and "Crossroads" by Belva Plain

FICTION

"Scarpetta" by Patricia Cornwell, "Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler, "Cruel Intent" by Judith A. Jance, "Born to Run" by James Grippando, "Truth to Tell" by Claire Lorrimer, "Your Heart Belongs to Me" by Dean R. Koontz, "Crossroads" by Belva Plain, "The Charlemagne Pursuit" by Steve Berry, "Suite 606" by J.D. Robb and "The Manning Brides" by Debbie Macomber

NON-FICTION

"Damselishes and Anemonefishes" by Scott W. Michael and "2013: The End of Days or a New Beginning?" by Marie D. Jones

MYSTERY

"The Private Patient" by P.D. James

BIOGRAPHY

"A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity" by Bill O'Reilly, "Why Women Should Rule the World" by Dee Dee Myers

STORY COLLECTION

"Here at the End of the World We Learn to Dance" by Lloyd Jones

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler, "Dashing Through the Snow" by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark, "Thea's Marquis" by Carola Dunn, "When Shadows Fall" by Kate Fellowes, "Written on the Wind" by Lynn Granger and "A Garden Fair" by Helen McCabe

REFERENCE

"Polk City Directory, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 2009" and "Consumer Reports Buying Guide 2009"

BOOKS ON CD

"Just After Sunset: Stories" by Stephen King, "The Bodies Left Behind" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Angler" by Barton Gellman, "Playing the Enemy" by John Carlin, "Tried by War" by James M. McPherson, "The War Within" by Bob Woodward, "Ghost Train to the Eastern Star" by Paul Theroux, "Descartes Bones" by Russell Shorto and "Lizzy and Lenore" by Jon Katz

YOUNG ADULT

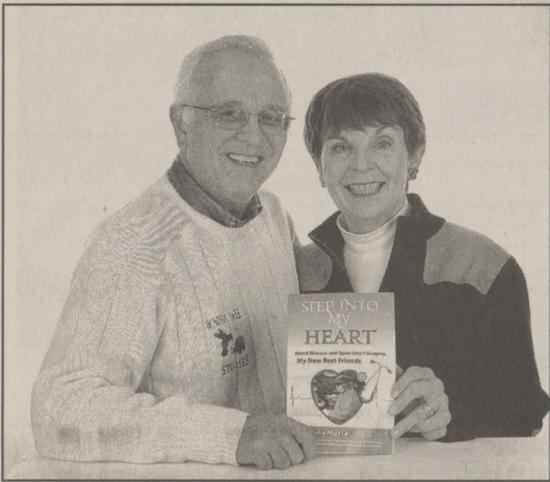
"Larry and thM meaning of Life" by Janet Tashjian, "New Moon" by Stephenie Meyer (Book on CD), "Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer (Book on CD) and "Breaking Dawn" by Stephenie Meyer (Book on CD)

Rotary Club decorates triangle



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Neither rain, nor snow, nor temperatures low can deter the members of the Rotary Club of Dallas from decorating the triangle at the Route 309/415 intersection in Dallas. Although it was only 22 degrees on Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 hearty members of the club stood out in the cold to be sure that, as your family and friends come to your house for the holidays, they will be welcomed with a wish for a happy holiday season. Decorators are, from left, Gary Booth, Art Peoples, Ron Fitch, Jim Alexander, Dan Jones, Todd Buckley, Melissa Saxon, Bill Nafus, Jerry Reisch and Joe Stager.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dr. Anthony Mussari, with his wife, Kitch Loftus-Mussari, has written a book, documenting his second chance at life after undergoing quadruple bypass surgery.

Mussari writes book on heart surgery experience

It was quite a shock when Dr. Anthony Mussari discovered that a series of cardiac events threatened his life.

Suffering from heart disease without realizing it at the age of 65, Mussari's first face-to-face meeting with death came while filming the 2007 West Side Memorial Day Parade.

Mussari, Professor Emeritus at King's College, and his wife, Kitch Loftus-Mussari, produce "Windsor Park Stories," a television series shot in the perennial garden they created in 1996 in the backyard of their Back Mountain home as an outdoor set for what has become the longest-running, privately owned, independently produced television program in the history of Northeast Pennsylvania.

"Step Into My Heart: Heart Disease and Open Heart Surgery, My New Best Friends," written by Mussari, with his wife, brings to light his powerful experience as a patient transformed by open-heart surgery.

"The severity of the pain that I experienced while videotaping the parade was unlike any I'd ever

felt before and it told me that something was drastically wrong," Mussari said.

He soon learned from doctors that he had four blocked arteries and was left with very little choice but to undergo bypass surgery.

After undergoing quadruple bypass surgery in June 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Mussari wrote the autobiography to document his second chance at life.

In the book, Mussari talks candidly about his experiences before, during and after surgery and provides readers with an insight into understanding open-heart bypass surgery and the way it can change one's life in positive ways.

"I was afraid and in denial about my symptoms and I refused to get help until I had a cardiac event," Mussari said.

The book describes recommended screening tests and key measures for healthy living, such as proper nutrition, physical activity and stress reduction—all of which lead to a healthy heart and may help increase longevity.

1988 - 20 YEARS AGO

John Aponick was named Student of the Month for December at Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School in Kingston by the Kingston-Forty Fort Lions Club. Aponick has attended Wyoming

Seminary since Nursery School and has been vice president of the Student Government and

president of his class each of his four years at the Upper School. An outstanding student, he has been named to the Dean's List every term while at Wyoming Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Aponick, Jr., Shavertown.

Dallas Kiwanis members held their annual Holiday Egg Nog Social for the 15 Kiwanis Clubs of Division 14-H and all other service clubs in the Back Mountain area. Hosting the event were John Bossart, Charles Kishbaugh, James Marley, Clifford Parker, John Navich and Reese Pelton.

Erma Harris, Shavertown, and Donald Williams, Dallas, were recently recognized by the Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, for completing over 50 hours of volunteer service to residents at the center. Mrs. Harris was awarded a Meadows Green Smock and Mr. Williams a Meadows Green Tie.

1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

Howard Strom and John Barney sponsored two new inductees into the Dallas Rotary Club

recently. They are Jim Eason and Sal Landino.

After a lengthy and occasionally heated school board meeting last Tuesday night, Lake-Lehman School Directors voted 5 to 2 to continue plans for construction of a new elementary building on the site of the present Lake Township School.

An unusually dry summer and fall period has dropped water reserves of the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company to their lowest levels since the 1964-65 drought, according to a spokesman for the utility. There is a "possibility" that Harvey's Lake water will be used to alleviate a shortage, the spokesman acknowledged.

1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

Junior Girl Scout Troops 636 and 640 are presently pushing toward their goal of having all of Dallas and vicinity participate in the "Festival of Lights." The festival is a simple but meaningful tradition from Mexico which is to light candles on Christmas Eve to show the way for the Holy Family on their journey to Jerusalem.

Materials needed for making two luminaries are: two regular size lunch bags, two four inch utility candles, two thumb tacks and two pieces of cardboard to fit the bottom of the bags.

Harold Heidel, Al Williams and Harry Smith are chairmen of Shavertown Fire Company's annual Christmas Party for children which is to be held today at the fire hall.

1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

Investiture for Girl Scouts of

Troop 200 was held on Monday at the Odd Fellows club room in Dallas. Mrs. Jack Barnes, leader of the troop, was assisted by Mrs. Raymond Titus. Invested were: Pat Bauman, Ruth Schenk, Jane Layou, Betty Rome, Ann Barnes, Alice Reese, Eva Kozemchak, Paulette Kocher, Cynthia Kossavage, Susan Jones, Joyce Hughes, Jenine Dierolf, Nancy Gensel, Peggy Rood and Edwina Morgan.

Leslie Barstow, retiring president of Dallas Community Ambulance Association, and Stephen Hartman, Jr., in charge of property, demonstrated the newly purchased four-level ambulance stretcher acquired by the association in memory of the late Nort Bert, first president. The stretcher can be raised or lowered to accommodate its height to that of a bed in hospital or home, thus eliminating heavy lifting and discomfort for the patient.

1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

A new six-foot board fence concealing Toby's Creek where it runs through the Morrett property on Main Street, Dallas, was erected this week. Painted a dark green, it is a Christmas gift to Main Street.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theatre, Shavertown, included "Women In The Night" starring William Henry and Tala Birell; and "Romance On The High Seas" starring Jack Carson, Don Defore, Janis Paige and Doris Day.

The feminine touch is evident at First National Bank. The girls on the staff, headed by Pauline Roth, have arranged a cheerful Santa Claus, sleigh and several

reindeer in front of the tellers' windows. Red ribbons stretched between the windows serve as reins for Santa to guide his reindeer.

1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

The annual Community Christmas Program of Dallas Township will be held on Monday night in the high school building in connection with the meeting of the Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association. "The Nativity Play" will be given by pupils in the first, second and third grades, under the direction of Misses Carrough, Williams and Hazel.

The formation of a six-team rural alumni basketball league was begun this week by Jack Roberts, manager of the Dallas Borough alumni cagers. The league will be composed of alumni teams from Lehman, Laketon, Shavertown, Trucksville, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough. Players for the Borough include Bill Baker Jr., Wilbur Davis, Bill Templin, Bert Roberts, Don Mission, Jimmy LaBar and Frank Matuskiewicz.

Movies playing at the Himmel Theater, Dallas, included "The Battle of Broadway" starring Victor McLaglen; "Stolen Holidays" starring Kay Francis; "Flight To Nowhere" starring Jack Holt; and "Stablemates" starring Mickey Rooney and Wallace Beery.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 119 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

WHAT WAS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU EVER RECEIVED?



"My engagement ring."

Melissa Chamberlain
Trucksville



"A kitten."

Danyel Werts
Dallas



"A surprise pair of diamond earrings."

Hillary Buda
Trucksville



"A puppy."

Jodi Bartorillo
Trucksville



"After nine years, finally getting married."

Brian Spangenberg
Trucksville



"A little dinosaur."

Kyle Sheridan
Trucksville

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