

Furry Friend

St. Vincent's Nursing Home in Bismarck has a new resident who likes to chase squirrels. His name is Sparky and he has four legs and a tail. Sparky is not the typical resident at the nursing home, he is a dog.

Sparky was donated to a resident at the nursing home on November 25 by Doranna Robertson. Sparky had served as Doranna's guide dog for over seven years and she said it was time to retire him and get a different dog because he had become "a bit frisky."

Doranna decided to give the dog to a person who could spend a lot of time with Sparky and she found just the right person at St. Vincent's.

Robertson says Sparky will visit people at the home and get a lot of love. She said this was a hard day for her, but she is ready to move forward.

Doranna was paired with a new guide dog last month and says she is busy getting used to her new companion.



Doranna and Sparky at St. Vincent's

Talking Books Service 1-800-843-9948 Dakota Radio Reading Service 1-701-328-4189 Machine Lending Agency 1-800-421-1181

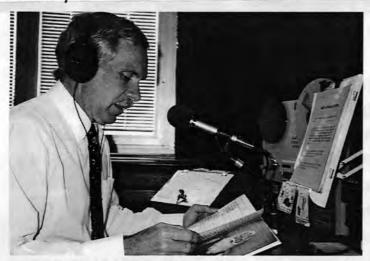
Famous Voices

If you were one of the lucky listeners to Dakota Radio Information Service in December, you may have heard some familiar voices over the airwaves.

Each Wednesday morning in December, patrons of DRIS Radio were treated to a special Christmas story by some famous North Dakotans.

Our own Governor Edward Shafer read "The 365 Days of Christmas," a story set in the town of Antler, North Dakota. First Lady Nancy Jones Schafer read "A Christmiss Guest," Senator Byron Dorgan read "The Polar Express," and KFYR Weatherman Jerry Bartz read "A Special Place for Santa."

All of the Christmas stories aired again on December 24 to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.



First Lady Nancy Jones Shafer reading "A Christmiss Guest"



Governor Edward Shafer Reading "The 365 Days of Christmas" for patrons of Dakota Radio Information Service



TV Weatherman Jerry Bartz reading his rendition of "A Special Place for Santa"



On The Shelf Adult Western and Frontier

RC 30017 The Shadow Man Author: F.M. Parker Fiction Length: 2 Cassettes After a band of outlaws kills members of Jacob's family, he sets out for revenge. Language

RC 39702 The Man of the Forest Author: Zane Grey Fiction Length: 3 Cassettes A family plots against a woman who will inherit their land.

RC 42022 Wondrous Times on the Frontier Author: Dee Brown Length: 2 Cassettes Non-Fiction The author describes how frontier humor helped put hardships in perspective. *Strong Language-Sex*

RC 17056 O Pioneers! Author: Willa Cather Length: 1 Cassette Fiction A story about the difficulties encountered while taming the Nebraska prairie.



RC 41980 Goodnight Trail *Trail Drive Series* Author: Ralph Compton Fiction Length: 3 Cassettes Charlie Goodnight and his friends live by wit and guns, and blaze a new cattle trail through Colorado. *Language-Violence-Sex* Prequal to 41981

Killing Time RC 29785 Author: Robert Conley Fiction Length: 1 Cassette The two outlaws that killed Sergeant Luton's brother are now after him.

Undaunted Courage RC 43291 Author: Stephen Ambrose Length: 5 Cassettes Non Fiction An account of the Lewis and Clark route and Lewis' life after his travels. Bestseller

RC 27904 Devil Horse Author: Max Brand Length: 2 Cassettes Fiction The tale of a rogue stallion no one could tame except for Red Jim.

On The Shelf

Juvenile Western and Frontier

RC 43080 On the Trail With Miss Pace Author: Sharon Phillips Denslow Length: 1 Cassette When teacher Miss Pace arrives at her favorite vacation ranch out West, she finds a surprise. *Grades: Pre-2*

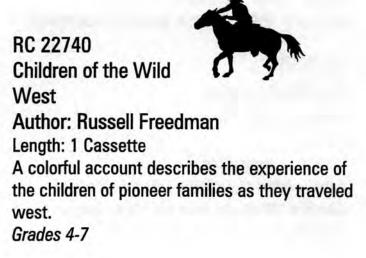
RC 40049

The Golly Sisters Go West Author: Betsy Cromer Byers Length: 1 Cassette May-May and Rose set to go west but their horse will not go. *Grades: K-3*

RC 12844

The Tale of Lazy Lizard Canyon Author: Doris Burn Length: A fun-loving cowboy and a lovely young girl outsmart both their families and settle a long standing feud. *Grades: 3-6*

RC 28215 Eight Mules From Monteray Author: Patricia Beatty Length: 1 Cassette A young librarian is taking a mule train of books into the Santa Lucia mountains to establish a library. Grades: 6-9



RC 14164 Buffalo Arthur Author: Alan Coren Length: 1 Cassette Ten-year-old Buffalo Arthur responds to a newspaper ad and finds himself on the Dusty D Ranch. *Grades: 4-7*

RC 19694 The Buckskin Girl *A Novel of the California Trail* Author: Gwen Moffat Length: 2 Cassettes A harsh story of a small wagon train struck by many calamities on the trail to California. *Grades: Senior High and Older*

RC 43465 Dakota Spring Author: Anne Love Length: 1 Cassette After losing their mother, two children have to move in with their grandmother on a farm in the Dakota prairie. *Grades: 2-4*

Reminder

If you receive the Readers Digest or Newsweek magazine on tape, you must remember to renew your magazine on a yearly basis.

To renew your magazine, you must return the card that American Printing House sends out, and specify that you would like to continue receiving these publications.

APH does this because they rely on donations to provide the magazines free-of-charge, so they want to make sure that everyone who is getting the magazines still wants to receive them.

Even though these magazines are free-of-charge to patrons of the talking books program, American Printing House does appreciate donations to help with the costs of producing and mailing these tapes. You can send donations to the address listed below. *American Printing House for the Blind*

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Radio Reading Service

The North Dakota State Library has a radio reading service for anyone who is sight or reading impaired. Dakota Radio Information Service is a free service to anyone who qualifies due to a visual or physical handicap. If you are presently receiving talking books, you already qualify to receive this service.

Newspapers from Minot, Williston, Dickinson, Jamestown, Valley City, Bismarck and Mandan are read by volunteers Monday through Friday and broadcast via closed circuit radio. Patrons can also listen to many specialty magazines on the In-Touch-Network from New York. It features nationally known magazines and can be heard mornings and weekends. If you would like more information, or a schedule of broadcasts, please call Shirley Ziegler Leno at 1-800-843-9948.

Weekly Reader

The Weekly Reader is available in Braille, cassette and large print at little or no cost to students and teachers. If students would like to receive this publication free-of-charge, they must order through School for the Blind in Grand Forks at 1-800-421-1181. This publication is only free to blind or visually impaired students. Blind students may also order the publication direct from American Printing House for the Blind at very little cost.

New Catalog Available

A catalog is now available containing more than 300 biographies of famous entertainers. It includes actors, dancers, comedians and television personalities. This catalog is available in large print, cassette and Braille formats. If you have not already received this publication, please contact a reader advisor at the State Library by calling 1-800-843-9948.

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