

LIBRARY NEWS

Audio books popular among library patrons

Have you listened to any good books lately? Yes, that's right, we did say listen. Quite a few patrons from the Back Mountain Memorial Library are doing just that. They are listening to books, via the new eAudiobook selections available by accessing the library's Web site at www.backmountainlibrary.org. By using an MP3 player and computer, patrons are able to choose from 1,300 fiction, non-fiction and children's titles to download and enjoy for 21 days.

Patrons are cautioned, however, that not all MP3 players are compatible with the recorded eAudiobooks. For instance, the popular MacIntosh-based iPods do not accept the program, as well as several other models. The library has had success using the Creative Zen Nano Plus MP3 player, but for a complete listing of compatible players, visit the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas or call 675-1182.

Although winter weather has finally arrived, spring time is not too far behind, as the library is holding its Valentine's Day/St. Patrick's Day odds and ends sale. A beautiful display of red and pink heart-shaped collectibles are ready for you to purchase for your sweetheart, whether it is a small trinket to tuck into your child's lunchbox or something larger to hide in that special someone's purse or briefcase.

If you prefer a gift that is more "alive," be sure to place your order for the American Cancer Society's Daffodils Days.

All daffodils will be delivered to the library Wednesday, March 21. The cost is \$8 for a bunch of 10 daffodils. All orders must be paid in advance and placed by Wednesday, Feb. 14.

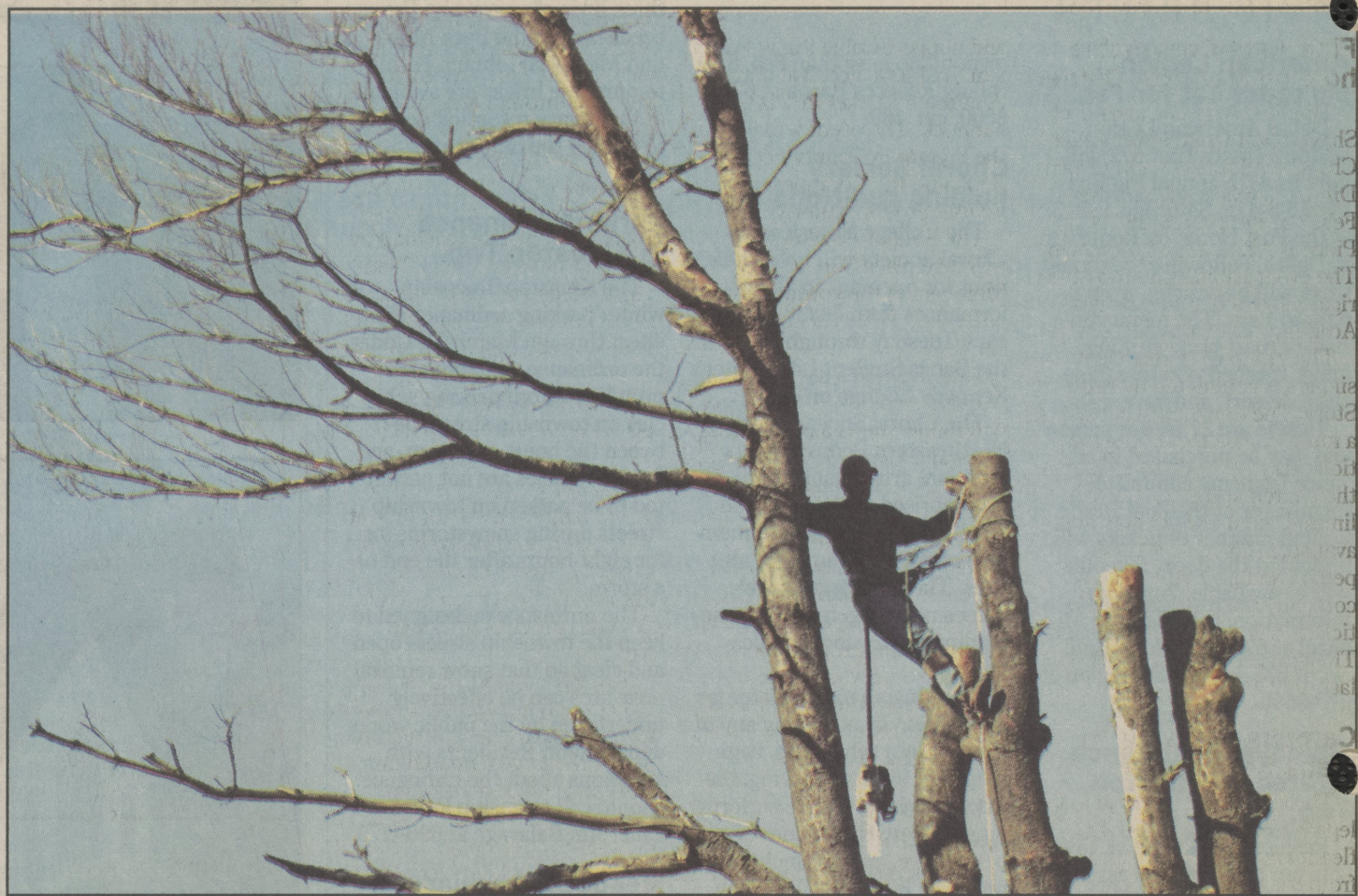
While you are waiting for the daffodils (and warmer weather) to arrive, stop by our Slightly Read Bookshop and take advantage of the few remaining days of the half-price book sale, continuing to the end of January. Children's titles are excluded.

Young adults who are interested in a part-time position as a library page are encouraged to stop by the library and complete an application. Candidates must be high school students, 16 years of age, and able to work two days a week after school and every other Saturday.

The Young Adult Book Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29 to discuss "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" by Ann Brashares. No registration is necessary and participants are welcome to bring along snacks to share with the group.

Parents are reminded that story hours will begin the week of Feb. 12. A volunteer is needed to conduct the story hour for 3-5-year-olds from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday mornings. Call the library for more information.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library news column is written and submitted by the library staff. The column appears every other week.



Birds can roost where others must be strapped up, lashed in and tied off. Still, there are rewards. The sky overhead and all around, the solitude and whistling wind. A workday with well-defined tasks; a sense of accomplishment when it's done. Just remember to cut above your perch, not below.

Delight in newly acquired 'Dalek Conquests,' Doctor Who fans

The Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas has added the following books to its collection.

The library also accepts donations of memorial and honor books. If you would like to donate a book in someone's memory or honor, call the library at 675-1182.

EXPRESS (1 week)

"Brother Odd" by Dean Koontz

FICTION

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"Hollywood Station" by Joseph Wambaugh

"Hannibal Rising" by Thomas Harris

"The Shepherd, the Angel, and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog" by Dave Barry

"Takedown" by Brad Thor

"Spy" by Ted Bell

"Sliver of Truth" by Lisa Unger

"The Machiavelli Covenant" by Allan Folsom

"The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud" by Julia Navarro

"Sign of the Cross" by Chris Kuzneski

"The Perfect Fake" by Barbara Parker

"The Copper Scroll" by Joel C. Rosenberg

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" by Linda Howard

"Havoc" by Jack B. DuBrul

NONFICTION

"The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne

"Be Heard the First Time" by Susan D. Miller

"The 101 Most Influential People Who Never Lived" by Allan Lazar

"Long Term Care" by J.L. Matthews

"A Troubled Peace" by Chae-Jin Lee

BIOGRAPHY

"The Audacity of Hope" by Barack Obama

BOOKS ON CD

"Doctor Who: the Dalek Conquests"

"Lux Classics Presents: the Best of Lux Radio Theater"

"Emma" by Jane Austen

"Hard Boiled Detectives" by Jack Webb & Bob Bailey

"The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards

YOUNG ADULT

"Side Effects" by Amy Goldman Koss

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Jan. 30, 1835, during a funeral in the House chamber of the U.S. Capitol, President Andrew Jackson survives the first attempt against the life of a U.S. president. Richard Lawrence, later found to be insane, discharged two separate pistols in the direction of President Jackson.

• On Feb. 1, 1898, The Travelers Insurance Company extends coverage to an automobile owner, making it the first company to issue an automobile insurance policy to an individual. Dr. Truman J. Martin of Buffalo, N.Y., paid a premium of \$11.25 for the policy that covered \$5,000 to \$10,000 of liability.

• On Jan. 29, 1922, some 2 feet of accumulated snowfall from a two-day blizzard collapses the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington, D.C. Tons of steel and concrete fell down on top of theatergoers, killing 108 people. Another 133 were hospitalized.

• On Jan. 31, 1949, "These Are My Children," the first daytime soap opera, debuts on NBC. The show, only 15 minutes long, aired weekdays at 5 p.m. in January and February 1949.

• On Feb. 3, 1959, rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their chartered Beechcraft Bonanza plane crashes in Iowa a few minutes after takeoff on a flight from Mason City to Moorehead, Minn.

• On Feb. 4, 1962, the first U.S. helicopter is shot down in Vietnam. It was one of 15 helicopters ferrying South Vietnamese Army troops into battle near the village of Hong My in the Mekong Delta.

• On Feb. 2, 1982, David Letterman's offbeat late-night talk show debuts. When Johnny Carson retired in 1992, Letterman and rival comic Jay Leno engaged in a heated battle for the coveted host slot. When Letterman was passed over, he left NBC for CBS, where his new program, "Late Show with David Letterman," outperformed Leno's show almost every week in its first year.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

The History Channel

• It's been reported that it's impossible for a kangaroo to jump unless its tail is touching the ground.

• During his campaign for the presidency, John F. Kennedy was asked by a reporter what his favorite song might be. Ever the wit, the candidate replied, "Well, 'Hail to the Chief' has a nice ring to it."

• If you're a card player, you might have heard of the "Dead Man's Hand," which is a poker hand that contains a pair of aces and a pair of eights. This hand got the macabre name in 1876, when James Butler Hickok - better known as "Wild Bill" - was playing poker at the No. 10 Saloon in Deadwood, S.D. Jack McCall, a young gunslinger trying to make a name for himself, walked in the saloon shortly after four in the afternoon and shot Wild Bill in the back of the head. His hand on that fateful day contained a pair of aces and a pair of eights.

70 YEARS AGO
Jan. 22, 1937

BOROUGH QUINTET FACES TOWNSHIP



ONLY
YESTERDAY

Laketon

Township, 25 to 10, last Friday night.

The local team gained a substantial lead early in the game, and kept well ahead the entire game. Templin, tall Dallas center, lead the scoring, with eight points. Dennis lead Laketon's scoring with five points. Half-time score was 15-3 in favor of Dallas. It was the fifth straight win for the local team, which now holds the league leadership, with Lehman in second place.

Mrs. W.L. Tracy of Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, mother of Lee Tracy, stage and screen star, is rapidly becoming a seasoned member of the movie colony at Hollywood, Calif.

Lee and his mother have always been devoted to each other and although Mr. Tracy has not visited the mother's home here in some years he has had her as his guest frequently in Hollywood and in New York.

60 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1947

COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS ENTERTAINED BY PASTOR

The Rev. and Mrs. David Morgan of Alderson have entertained recently four couples married more than fifty years: Mr. and Mrs. James H. Crispell of Noxen; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin K. Elston of Kunkle; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Jones of Noxen; and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Traver of Ruggles. Mr. and Mrs. Corey Schooley, Noxen, were unable to attend.

Charles Souder, 17, Huntsville Road, is expected to regain sight

of his right eye which has been temporarily destroyed by a pellet from a BB gun.

Playing "war" with two friends the day before Christmas, Charles was struck in the eye at about 3:30 p.m. His mother was working in Smith's Economy Store and his brother, Harold, was peddling papers. Charles refused aid from the boys he had been playing with and went to his home in the downstairs of Smith's Store to await the return of his mother. The pellet, lodged in the lower corner of the eye was not found for three days.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 25, 1957

SHAVERTOWN DOG IN FIRST PLACE

Shavertown Bo, Paul R. Daily's 15-inch Beagle, took first place and a handsome gold trophy in the Tunkhannock Beagle Club field trials. Shavertown Bo, three years old, handled by Mr. Daily, has won several ribbons. Working in deep snow, the Beagle raised his rabbit and checked in record time. Mr. Daily, in speaking of his performance at Frear Hill, attributes his success partially to experience garnered early in January during snowshoe rabbit season.

On Monday, Jan. 14, the thermometer touched 16 degrees below zero on Lehman Avenue, Dallas. Monday, Jan. 21, the thermometer skyrocketed to 50 above zero, melting snow drained from the frozen streets, and a covey of starlings, chattering like crazy, took a bath in a puddle of ice water on Spring Street, splashing the water over each other and behaving as if completely demented.

For five mornings running, thermometers registered subzero temperatures: 16 below zero Monday and Tuesday, 10 below zero on Wednesday, 14 below zero on Thursday, 12 below zero on Saturday. By Sunday morning it had warmed to 10 above. Monday morning's papers carried a forecast of rain.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1967

SIXTY APPLY FOR JOBS

AT NEW GARMENT PLANT

Approximately 60 applicants turned out on Friday to apply for jobs at the new garment plant opening in the Fernbrook area on Lower Demunds Road. Operations are expected to begin on Monday morning with about twenty operators placed on the job.

The new plant will be managed by John LaNunziata and will be an affiliation of Star Garment Company which has a large plant in Exeter. Larger quarters being checked by the concern will give work to many more folks in the area.

Those hired will be notified on Friday. Sportswear will be manufactured at the local building owned by Mrs. John Bogdon.

Torn from a young girl's diary, dated August 19, 1966, and enclosed in a tightly sealed two-quart juice bottle, a message wandered half way round the world, and was delivered at the feet of a young serviceman, in Vietnam, on the crest of a small wave five months later.

Carolyn Edwards, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Bucky" Edwards, Huntsville, printed these words on a slip of paper:

"My name is Carolyn Edwards. My address is RD 4, Dallas, Pennsylvania. My phone number is (omitted). Whoever finds this bottle, please write back to me, please!"

Six American Army mechanics in Vietnam received the bottle and wrote back accordingly. Along with a nickname for the mechanics' tent, a print is being sent to Vietnam, along with clippings from the newspaper.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 27, 1977

MAYOR HARTMAN PASSES AWAY

Former Dallas Mayor Stephen F. Hartman, Jr., 50, of Susquehanna Ave., died Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. at Valley Crest following an 18-month illness. Born in Wilkes-Barre, July 23, 1926, he lived in Dallas for the past 22 years. He was formerly employed in refrigeration and air conditioning for Acme Markets for 25 years.

Hartman was mayor of Dallas borough, an office he held for two terms, and a formal councilman. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He was an active member of the Daddow-Issacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas Fire and Ambulance Association and the Pennsylvania Mayors Association.

Dallas School District has worked out a contingency gas crisis program, it was announced at the school board meeting Tuesday night. The senior high school has gas heat so when necessary, senior high and junior high school students will have split sessions which will mean an extended school day. They will meet at the junior high, which is heated by electricity.

The Trucksville Elementary School building is also heated by gas so those students will meet at one of the other elementary schools when necessary. Children should wear sweaters to school as the temperature will be set at 65 degrees. A half hour before dismissal the temperature will be lowered then one and a half hours before classes resume the next day, it will be moved back up to 65 degrees.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 28, 1987

SCHOOL CLOSING THE CORRECT DECISION

The decision of the Lake-Lehman School District Administration to cancel classes last Thursday proved to be the right one since the predicted snowfall moved into the local area at approximately 8 a.m. instead of noon as previously predicted.

State Rep. George C. Hasay and State Sen. Charles Lemmond announced today that Harveys Lake has received Department of Community Affairs' approval for a \$7,000 state grant to expand the borough's recreation building. The lawmakers said the funds were made available under the Recreational Improvement and Rehabilitation Act program.

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