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"I think this is a good example of how technology has brought changes to the library and how we service our communities," said Butler, who has been a librarian for more than 20 years. "Libraries are busier than ever."



Daniel Foery, a senior at College Misericordia, recently won an MP3 player in a drawing held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The contest was held to promote the new online downloadable eAudiobooks available through the library. Every patron that established an account for the new audio books was entered in the drawing. Presenting Foery with his prize, from left, are Krista Connolly, circulation coordinator; Edith Collins, library clerk; Foery; and Martha Butler, library director.

CHOIR

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possibility of forming a singing group.

The Noxen Choir – including 90-year-old Alice Lane, who missed last week's prac-

tice while visiting her daughter in California – has performed at a variety of community events, but most of the performances are held at local nursing homes.

"We love to sing the old songs and do sing-a-longs with the patients," said Steltz. "(The residents) real-

ly appreciate us being there." Hubbel has a little advice for anyone who might want to join the fun.

"I would encourage them to do it," he said. "I get a lot out of it and I think the others do, too. Some people think they can't sing too good, but all it takes is a little practice. I

think it would be great if (others) joined the group."

As for the name? "Maybe we should come up with a better name," suggested Steltz. "Let me know if you have one."

OK, how's this: The Noxen Community Chorus.

CHEER

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Sandy Brown, whose daughter Samy participated in the parade for the third consecutive year. "It was great to see them having so much fun. It was also great to see the girls from all over coming together and doing so well."

More than 100 cheerleaders were chosen to represent their respective regions during UCA camps last summer. The local girls attended the Pine Forest Camp. The younger cheerleaders, junior high school and younger, participate in the Thanksgiving Day Parade while high school-age cheerleaders perform in London.

The local cheerleaders arrived in Philadelphia on Tuesday for a 2½-hour evening practice. There was also a 2-hour practice on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum the day before Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving morning, the girls arrived two hours early for the 9 a.m. parade – the longest-running Thanksgiving Day parade in the country.



A group of more than 100 cheerleaders participates in the Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia.

Parents of the girls were responsible to pay for the trip package, which included the parade, hotel, a walking tour of Philadelphia, a dinner-cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia, and a party on Thanksgiving night.

Most of the girls are cheerleaders at Lake-Lehman High School, Junior High School or Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. Many of them are also members of independent cheer-

leading organizations, such as the Northeast Mustangs and Keystone Extreme. "My daughter loves cheer-

leading," said Sandy Brown. "She's been doing it since before she was in kindergarten. It's a great sport."



Among the local cheerleaders who participated in the parade, from left, are Megan Davis, Carly Gromel and Samy Brown.

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KELLY J. POMRINKE

Dallas H.S. graduate; active in cancer awareness

Kelly J. Pomrinke, 32, of Harleysville and formerly of Dallas, passed away Friday, Nov. 24, 2006 in University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, following a courageous battle against cancer.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of Russell L. and Marie Eyt, Center Moreland, and Beverly Peirce Berger and her husband Perry, Montoursville. She was a graduate of Dallas High School Class of 1992 and the University of Pittsburgh Class of 1996. Kelly was employed as a manager in the human resources department of Axis Healthcare Communications, Yardley. Active in cancer awareness, in October she completed the three day 60-mile "Walk for a Cure" in Philadelphia for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. She was formerly a member of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, and attended the Branch Creek Community Church, Harleysville. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, George Peirce; and paternal grandparents, Russell and Mildred Eyt.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her loving husband, Jon L. Pomrinke; daughter, Kira, her pride and joy; brothers, Russell T. Eyt, Kingston; Matthew T. Eyt, Philadelphia; and maternal grandmother Dorothy Peirce, Montoursville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

DERWIN PATTON JR.

Enjoyed a passion for wood working

Derwin Patton Jr., 74, of Beaumont passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 in the Geisinger Medical Center North, Plains Township.

Born in Plains, he was the son of the late Derwin H. Jr. and Jennie McMillian Patton. He was a graduate of Beaumont High School, class of 1951. Prior to his retirement in 1994 he was employed by Proctor and Gamble of Mehoopany, for 27 years of service. Derwin enjoyed traveling, farming and spending time with the P&G retirees. His real passion was wood working.

Preceding him in death was his granddaughter Holly Patton and great-grandson, Clayton John Smith.

Surviving is his wife of 55 years on Dec. 7, the former Alice Kindred; sons, Jack and his wife Bonnie,

Kunkle; Robert and his wife Sheila, Noxen; daughters, Karen Patton, Harveys Lake; Beverly Patton, Beaumont; Alice Whitney and her husband Dan, Tunkhannock; grandchildren, Tom, Heather, Erin, Kristie,

Bobby Patton, Lori Balewski, Tracy Smith and Jason and Ryan Whitney; great-grandchildren, Josh and

Hunter Balewski, Keely Patton and Christopher Smith; sisters, Alice Jane Condon, Beaumont; Peg Weiss, Noxen; brother, Jack Patton, Beaumont; numerous nieces and nephews.

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