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Keeping art alive

Lawrence and Iva Killian, of Outlet, are shown here with many of the works they have produced through the art of whittling. The Killians are keeping the almost extinct art form alive by teaching to others.

Whittling is alive and well with Lawrence and Iva Killian

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An almost extinct art form is managing to stay alive through the finely sharpened skills of two area residents. Lawrence and Iva Killian, Outlet, are doing their part to see that the old art of whittling stays around for years to come.

Lawrence, who has been practicing his skills for approximately 40 years, taught his wife, Iva, just last summer. However, he admits that she is already almost as good as he is at it.

"Iva really picked it up quickly," said Lawrence. "That just shows

you that anyone can do it," he added with a laugh.

The Killians, who were married just last Feb. 4, like to do a lot of things together, including hiking, fishing, target shooting, and their christian ministry with area youth groups and nursing homes. However, they have found whittling to be the only one of their hobbies that they can do anywhere, at any time.

The Killians whittle many intricate objects such as linked chains, keys on rings, and balls in cages. This may not sound so amazing until you realize that each object is made of a single piece of wood.

They hang certain works around the house and give many others to friends and relatives. Mrs. Killian told this reporter of another unique way they have of displaying their work.

"At Christmastime, we hung all of our creations on our Christmas tree. Instead of garland, we used the link chains, and for ornaments, we used the keys and the balls in the cages," she said. Next year, the couple plans to have wooden icicles for the tree.

According to Mr. Killian, anyone who has a good pocket knife and a lot of patience can learn how to whittle.

"I've shown my four grandchildren out in Ohio how to do this," he said. "The youngest is seven years old, and the oldest is 13 years old. Before they begin, they always make sure they have a box of band-aids handy."

The grandchildren aren't the only ones Mr. Killian is passing his skills

on to as he, along with his wife, is currently teaching a group of teenagers the art of whittling.

The retired carpetlayer does other types of wood working, also. With the help of a fine collection of machinery, he has built a set of outdoor table and benches, a chaise lounge, plaques and many other items.

It's good to see that this form of art will not be forgotten. As long as Mr. and Mrs. Killian pass their knowledge onto their grandchildren and friends, and perhaps they do the same, whittling will be around for a long time.

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Around town

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MARK ROSING, a senior at Dallas Senior High School, has been chosen a finalist for the National Society Professional Engineers Scholarship. Mark will now compete with students from throughout the United States.

Mark, son of Judy and Tom Rosing, Glendalough Road, Dallas, is a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, an Eagle Scout and a member of the Drama Club.



DIANE YENASON, Harveys Lake, is a member of the cast of Equus, which will be presented March 9, 10 and 11 by Showcase Theatre of Wilkes-Barre at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, Wilks College.

BEST WISHES TO DR. CLINTON J. LEHMAN, DR. VINCENT A. CARBONI AND DR. HARRY G. GALLAGHER whose offices are located in the recently opened Mercy Medical Annex, Lake Street, Dallas. The Annex provides radiological procedures, physical therapy and laboratory tests for area residents.

MORE THAN 50 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS at Penn State Wilkes-Barre will receive their associate degrees in May. These students recently were interviewed by recruiters from 17 large companies through the college's spring 1984 on-campus recruiting program. Participants included are Jim Sepko, engineering technology, Gary McDermitt, electrical engineering technology, Richard J. Wroblecki, functional manager, IBM; Todd Davies and Joe Usefara, mechanical engineering technology and Michael Baratta, '56 IBM superintendent.

BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES who recently became engaged: Sharon Lynne Reese and John W. Carle, Jr.; Robin Evans and Kevin Cleveland; Lorraine S. Davis and Lt. Mark J. Alles USMC; Barbara Wickard and Douglas Auchus.

Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer I. Reese, RD 3, Dallas. Her fiance is the son of Mrs. Catherine Garinger, Dallas and Mr. Jack W. Carle, Sr., RD 3, Dallas. Both are graduates of Dallas High School. Sharon and John are both employed by Quality Metal Products, Inc., Dallas, Sharon in the office, while John is supervisor of the CNC Machining Department.

The couple will be married March 23.

Robin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Evans, 47 Hilldoma Avenue, Dallas, is a graduate of Dallas High School. Robin is presently attending Empire Beauty School.

Kevin, a graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School is employed at InterMetro Industries Corporation of Wilkes-Barre.

Robin and Kevin will be married Saturday, May 19, at Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Davis, 27 Westminster Drive, Dallas is a graduate of Dallas High School and Lock Haven State College with a bachelor of science degree in Computer Science. Lorraine is employed as a systems programmer with Commonwealth Telephone Co., Lake St., Dallas.

Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Alles, 612 Cypress Street, Lansdale, Pa. is a graduate of North Penn High School and Lock Haven State College with a bachelor of science degree in Health and Physical Education and Recreation. Following one year of teaching, Mark entered the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Barbara, daughter of Duane and Joy Wickard, of RD, Sweet Valley is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. She is employed in the office of K-Mart.

Douglas, son of Ed and Irene Gensel, RD 1, Shickshinny, is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. Douglis is enlisted in the United States Army, stationed in Georgia. The couple plans a late spring wedding.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. WAYNE THOMAS PERRAULT who were recently married in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown. Rev. Joseph F. Sammons celebrated the candlelight ceremony assisted by Msgr. William R. Ward, Msgr. Joseph Gillingall, Rev. Lawrence Homer, Rev. Robert N. Shilala and Rev. John Caine.

Mrs. Perrault, the former Rebecca Ann Bren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Bren, Trucksville. Mr. Perrault is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurent Perrault, Denville, N.J.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Woodlands, an Inn, Wilkes-Barre. The Perraults took a wedding trip to the Poconos. They are now residing at Lake Hopatcong, N.J.

Cubs honored at banquet

Cub Scout Pack 281 held its annual Blue and Gold Dinner. The invocation was given by Rev. D. Harthorne. The cubmaster, George Brutko opened the ceremony and commended the scouts with their awards.

The presentations began with the Bobcat awards achieved by Chris Pelton and Ronnie Moses.

Wolf Badges were presented to each of the following boys, many of whom also earned silver and gold arrow awards. Billy Camp, one gold; Ryan Clem, one gold and two silver; Andrew Flint, Josiah Garlan, one gold and four silver; Bradley Bryant, Joseph Myers, Ronald Dugan, Sean Seavone, David Siedel, Eric Clemow, one gold and two silver; Jeff Hozempa, one gold and two silver; Todd Paczewski, one gold and three silver; Chris Brown, one gold and two silver; Ronnie Moses, one gold and three silver; Boby Sarley, one gold and one silver.

Bear Badges and arrow awards were to each of these scouts: Brian Miller; David Podel, one gold; James Crossman, one gold and one silver; and David Holdridge, three

silver arrows, one year perfect attendance and one year pin.

Scouts who earned new arrows were Kevin Loeffler, one silver; and David Fogel, one gold and two silver.

The Webelo Scouts were recognized for the following awards. Craftsman awards went to Neil Kaiser, Nick Cave, Sumnar Bachman, Heath Williams, Mark Drumin, Mark Rineheimer, Denny Bernhardt, Greg Reidlinger, Jon Pomrinke, Paul Hopa and Bill Sarley. Citizens Awards were given to Mark Drumin, Denny Bernhardt and Bill Sarley. Scholar Award was presented to Mark Rineheimer and Artist award was achieved by Bill Sarley.

Pack 281 would like to give special mention to the winners of the scouts own handmade miniature boat race in which the boys competed with one another.

The fastest racers were first place, Nick Cave; second place, Andy Flint; third place, Ronald Dugan; fourth place, Ronnie Moses; fifth place, Billy Sarley; and sixth place, Billy Camp.



MR. AND MRS. BRENT M. TANNER

Wed at State College

Tammi L. Keyes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keyes of Falls and Brent M. Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner, of New Castle, Pa. were united in marriage recently in the Eisenhower Chapel on the campus of The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa. The Rev. Don Davis, campus chaplain, officiated.

The bride is the granddaughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dymond of Fallas and Mr. and Mrs. Morton Keyes of Falls.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown. Sandy Keyes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Dave Swiecinski served as best man. Ushers were Mark Tanner and Bruce Tanner, brothers of the bridegroom.

A dinner followed the ceremony in the Barclay Room at the Sheraton-Penn State. A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at Tofftrees, State College. The bride was honored at a variety shower given by her sister, Sandy Keyes.

Mrs. Tanner is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School and Penn State University.

Mr. Tanner is a graduate of Neshannock High School and Penn State University. He is employed by Miles Laboratories in Ohio.

Following a wedding trip to Atlantic City, the couple will reside in Fairfield, Ohio.



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Spelling bee winner

Marc Drumin, a fifth grade student at the Dallas Intermediate School, was the winner of the school's 100-word test portion of the 57th Annual Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee. Marc is now eligible to compete in the local final which is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, at the Wilkes College Center for the Performing Arts. Marc plays the trumpet in the Dallas Intermediate School Band, is a Cub Scout and an acolyte at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Shown here during a presentation to Marc as the test winner are, from left, William Drumin, Marc's father; Mrs. William Drumin, Marc's mother; Marc, Mrs. Bette Thomas, teacher, Dallas Intermediate School; and Mrs. Ruth Husband, principal, Dallas Intermediate School. The Drumins reside on Pinecrest Avenue in Dallas.

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