

# Holy Childhood School Exceeds Campaign Goal

Nine months ago, the children of the School of the Holy Childhood launched 300 helium balloons to celebrate the purchase of the former Gillette School as the new site for the school and the kickoff of a fund raising campaign.

Last Sunday, the agency again used helium balloons to

## Young Adults Meet

**Elmira** -- Young adults, ages 18-35, single or married, are invited to participate in a trivial pursuit night, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at St. Peter and Paul Church. For more information, call (607) 734-5003; or Karen Rinefierd, diocesan coordinator of Young Adult Ministry, (716) 586-1919.

highlight an occasion -- the announcement by James W. Wilmot that Holy Childhood has exceeded its goal, raising over \$1.6 million to fund the purchase, renovation and operating costs of their new facility.

Wilmot, campaign general chairman, told a gathering of campaign donors and volunteers that "the response from the Rochester community has exceeded our expectations."

More than 100 volunteers assisted in the collection of funds. According to Wilmot, 61% of the total was donated by individuals, 22% by corporations, 16% by foundations, and service organizations gave the rest.

Wilmot also noted the gifts



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from three national foundations -- the Kresge Foundation, Troy, Mich.; the Raskob Foundation, Wilmington, Del.; and the Conrad Hilton Foundation, Los Angeles.

Ceremonies on Sunday also included dedication of the Wilmot Wing which houses the Adult Day Training Program.

In his dedication remarks, board chairman Thomas Clark commended the efforts

of Wilmot, lauding his leadership of the campaign and expressing the school's appreciation for the Wilmot family's support of Holy Childhood's activities.

The School of the Holy Childhood is a non-denominational, non-profit agency that educates and trains mentally retarded children and adults.

The Children's Program has an enrollment of 102 between the ages of 5 and 21. Instructions include reading, writing, math and prevocational skills -- woodworking, cooking, sewing, independent living skills training and adapted physical education.

The Adult Day Training Program serves 45 mentally retarded adults 18 or older. It operates on a year-round

basis, preparing clients for vocational programs, long-term sheltered employment or selected job placement.

A Clinic Treatment Program offers medical services, speech therapy and mental

health services which supplement the education and training offered by the other programs. Clinic services not offered are provided through referral to other community agencies.

## Fish Fry

### March 22nd

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## Sarah Child



All in the Family

## Sure Signs Of Spring

The calendar says it is Spring. We of the northeast know better. Still ahead are icy blasts of wind, chilling temperatures and snow flurries or worse.

Still, there are hopeful signs. Shakespeare's darling buds of May are far off but the red buds of the Silver Maples are burgeoning, dancing and cavorting with each movement of the wind. Against the intense blue of the March sky they write their own poetry.

There are little green shoots on the south side of the house. Hyacinths, if I remember correctly, about to do their thing.

The dog and I have taken an abbreviated tour of the grounds and note that the moles have done their darndest to the far part of the backyard.

The trellis that held both the purple and white clematis has crumbled un-

der the onslaught of winter, and broken twigs and small branches litter the part of the lawn which borders the thicket.

It is too wet to try to do any yard chores. Not that I am any great hand working when it is possible. I prefer to sit or wander about and drink in the beauty of green grasses, flowering shrubs and lacy bushes -- not nurture them.

A couple of weeks ago my sister and I were together for a brief few hours, our first time since last July. In the late night heart-to-heart, I confess that I have always considered myself the lazy one of the family. I am the dreamer. The others are doers. I bask. They produce.

Now as nature readies itself to burst upon us with its dazzling display of new growth and uncommon loveliness, I prepare myself to do what I do best -- to admire, to marvel, to steep myself in the gift of Spring, of life.

## Nazareth Student Qualifies for Competition

Later this month, sophomore Melanie Davis will represent the Nazarene Churches of the Upstate New York District in the Regional Festival of Life in Boston, Mass.

She qualified on the basis of her performance in the district competition last month. She received second place in the senior high category of vocal solo. Melanie placed second for her performance of a selection from Bach on the clarinet.

Melanie, who was one of 150 students selected to compete in Boston, lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis, on Pullman Ave.

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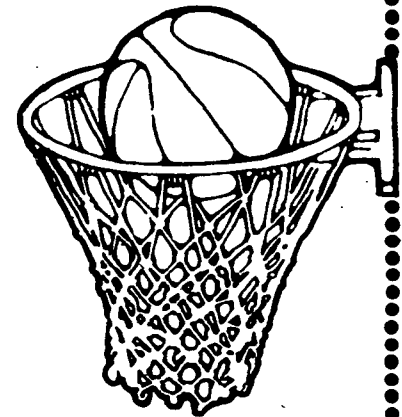
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