

## Glad You Asked

by JILL DECKER

Got you covered

Is there a hospital, church group or other group that would like to have a crocheted blanket or other crafts? I'm more than 80 years old and I like to crochet, but I'd like to give my work to a worthy cause.

Those would be perfect for Cope Family Center's home visitation program, said Michele Grupe, Cope's development manager. Cope sends a home visitor out to families who need support with various family situations. The home visitors work with local hospitals and public health nurses and visit pregnant Napa County women and new moms with babies up to 4 months old. They talk about prenatal health needs, getting ready for the baby and how to care for a newborn. A beautiful hand-made blanket would be a nice gift to bring to these new moms. Grupe said they'll take blankets at Cope's office, 1340 Fourth St. between Franklin and Randolph, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Napa Valley Shelter project also welcomes blankets, according to Susan Hertel, executive director of Community Action Napa Valley. She said the shelter would give the blankets to homeless clients, perhaps as they are on their way to their own new housing. The Napa Valley Shelter Project is one of five programs under community action, Napa's shelter operators.

Drop the blankets off at the new shelter or at the Hope Resource Center downtown, Hertel said. The new shelter is off of Imola and Gasser. Let them know she sent you.

That's what I found. If you know other nonprofits looking for blankets and such, let me know and I'll print them in a follow up column.

Can you please tell me about the Grapecrusher statue on the hilltop south of Napa? Who designed it and when was it constructed there?

A quick drive up through the industrial park to the Grapecrusher and I found a plaque mounted on a large rock where the path up to the statue himself starts. The plaque says it all: "The Grapecrusher. Dedicated to the people and visitors of the Napa Valley. Sculpted by Gino Miles. Spring 1988."

Miles owns a gallery called Sculpture 619 in Santa Fe, N.M., as far as Google knows, but I couldn't get a call back. Artists can be so temperamental.

## What is Glad You Asked?

Glad You Asked attempts to answer readers' questions. If a question's been buzzing around in your head like a yellow jacket buzzing around a backyard barbecue, send it to me at [jdecker@napanews.com](mailto:jdecker@napanews.com) or 256-2215 and I'll swat down the answer.

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