

# Focus of event is the fine arts

A new spring event will highlight the work of Farmington-area students involved in the fine arts.

Called "Showcase: The Arts," the event is slated to be held at Harrison High School from 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 12, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13. There is no admission charge.

The showcase will include live pottery and art demonstrations, Odyssey of the Mind performances, drama productions, demonstrations of how technology is used in the arts, instrumental and vocal music performances and all types of art exhibits.

It will include work done by students of all ages.

"The arts allow kids to opportunity to think sometimes without the normal parameters," said organizer Paul Barber. "These skills can last them a lifetime."

"Showcase: The Arts" is being held in lieu of the former Creativity Springs Alive event, but doesn't negate that event being held in the future, said organizer Paul Barber. In fact, he said, the district may eventually find a way to use both events.

The "Creativity" event was more broad in its approach. "This event will allow us to hone in on special skills, and focus on one area," Barber added.

Students involved in the event are those who receive instruction in any of the Farmington Public Schools in the areas of art, drama, music and theater. Their work will be that generated in the classroom, or related to specific instruction at their schools.

# Yearly Crop Walk combats hunger

It's spring and time for getting out and walking. And if you're so inclined, you can do some walking for hunger beginning at 2 p.m. April 14 in front of the First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington.

The 6th Annual Crop Walk is open to anyone who wants to walk 10 kilometers or less and wants to help the needy.

"Everybody is certainly welcome," said Judy Houser co-chairwoman of the Farmington and West Bloomfield area Crop Walk.

Twenty-five percent of the pledges will be given to human services agencies in the Farmington area; such as the Salvation Army, Neighborhood House and the Head Start Food Kitchen.

Last year's proceeds from Michigan Crop Walks topped \$1.5 million. Proceeds from the annual walks also provide food for countries such as Cambodia, Liberia and for areas in the aftermath of disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes. The Crop Walk is sponsored by Church World Services, which also teaches people how to raise food.

SIGN-UP envelopes for the walk that will conclude at the Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, are available from Houser at 661-5139. Walkers should get sponsors who are willing to pledge a given amount of money for each kilometer walked.

At a recent rally to kick off Crop Walk, Houser presented \$1,300 — proceeds from the 1990 Crop Walk — to each of four agencies, including the Salvation Army, Neighborhood House, Head Start Food Kitchen and the Baldwin Community Center in Pontiac.



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Judy Houser of Farmington Hills discusses the Sixth Annual Crop Walk, April 14 in the Farmington area, including West Bloomfield. Proceeds go to agencies, such as the Salvation Army and Neighborhood House, that fight hunger.

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