



## Artists on exhibit

The Farmington Artists Club continues its juried exhibit through Saturday, Nov. 2, at Nardin Park Methodist Church cultural hall, 29884 11 Mile west of Middlebelt, Farmington. More than 170 works were judged for the show. Pictured at left is Jeanne Ozment, third-place winner for her abstract, "So-

Journ;" Marcie Kitch of Farmington, first-place winner for the watercolor, "Maiden" and Donna Vogelheim, fourth-place winner for the watercolor, "Peonies." Admission is free. Hours are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 2.

# Program to help parents talk to kids about alcohol

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tion TWYKAA session for parents of youngsters from Hillside and Wood Creek elementary schools in March.

The TWYKAA program has been used for several years in the southern United States, but is somewhat new to the Michigan area with the exception of Troy where the program is firmly entrenched.

The four, 2½-hour sessions held once each week offer some lecture material, but also give parents a chance to get involved through discussion groups, Newcombe said. It offers a different approach to alcohol education with the understanding that 92 percent of children are expected to experiment with alcohol by the time they reach their senior year in high school.

"It teaches you how to give infor-

mation without giving them permission to drink," she said. "You know, statistically, your child is going to experiment with alcohol. What you don't want, is for your child to become hurt while experimenting."

PREVENTION RESEARCH Institute of Kentucky — the company which designed the program — believe parents have the biggest influence on their children's lives. "The person we're aiming at is a parent," Newcombe said. "It's not teachers or friends. The most effective person for delivering this information is the parent."

Introduction of the program into

the Farmington community supports efforts of the National Substance Abuse Awareness Month, which ends this week. This year, the local emphasis has been on Alcohol Abuse and Its Effects on the Family.

Newcombe called alcohol the "number one drug of choice." Kids are using it in much higher numbers than any other drug. "And, she added one in five people are affected somehow by an alcohol problem."

Newcombe said FFA and other groups hope to offer the TWYKAA program throughout the year "as people need it. For more information about it, call Newcombe at 473-8576 or FFA at 851-8565.

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