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Walking for a cause

Through periods of rain Sunday, the clouds parted just in time for the local Christian Rural Overseas Program, or CROP walk, an effort that raises funds to help end hunger locally as well as around the world.

About 40 walkers — and some runners — participated in this year's event that left from Smokey Bear Park, went to Ranier and back to the park.



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Arllys Johnson waves to The Journal's camera as she leaves Smokey Bear Park Sunday during the local Christian Rural Overseas Program, or CROP walk.



A group of young girls participate in Sunday's CROP Walk.



At left, Pat Norby, one of the event's organizers, listens as the Rev. Irv Arnquist, First Lutheran Church, gives Sunday's walkers and runners a musical sendoff from Smokey Bear Park.

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