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## Family turns tragedy into good fortune for cancer group

ROSSVILLE—A local family has turned their sorrow into a fun-filled fundraiser for the Vermilion County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The Larry Claypool Classic, a women's softball tournament, will be held Aug. 17 and 18 at Rossville's Chrisman Park.

This is the competition's seventh year. It started when friends and family of Larry Claypool decided to hold an event that would raise money to help defray the Rossville man's battle with cancer.

Mr. Claypool, a Rossville truck driver, was diagnosed with colon cancer in the early 1980s. The disease went into remission following chemotherapy. In 1988, a follow-up blood test revealed no cancer. "Eight weeks later to the day, everything went berserk," said Madelyn Claypool, Mr. Claypool's widow.

The cancer had returned with a vengeance, spreading to Mr. Claypool's lungs and tailbone.

When Mr. Claypool died at age 52 in December 1989, organizers decided to memorialize him by continuing the tournament, said Madelyn Claypool, Mr. Claypool's widow.

Over the years, the Classic, which started as a

men's competition in Penfield, has evolved into a women's tournament in Rossville, Mrs. Claypool said.

When the tournament moved to Rossville, it featured both men's and women's games. The women played at Chrisman Park while the men played at the Rossville Alvin High School field. "We tried to be both places at once, but it was unreal," Mrs. Claypool said.

The women's tournament drew a larger crowd, because players' families would accompany them, so the Claypool family decided to turn the Classic into a female affair.

Over the years, children's activities have been added, including face-painting by clowns, and children's games at 25 cents each. "Those girls bring their families, so you've got to have something for the kids to do," Mrs. Claypool said.

This year, the Hoopeston Kiwanis Club is joining the event with an mixed 6-player team volleyball tournament.

Claypool and her children - four daughters and a son

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### Museum open

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### Free Disney

Children who read more than 10 books as part of the Hoopeston Public Library's summer reading program are eligible for free Disney Channel during August.

Children, accompanied by a parent, should sign up for the free channel at Hoopeston Cable. For more information, contact Carol Arnold, children's librarian, at (217) 283-6711.

### Rossville seniors to meet

Rossville area senior citizens will meet at noon Aug. 12 for a potluck at the Rossville Church of

### Cancer continued from other side

- ran the event with the help of friends. But two years ago, after the children had grown and gone, Mrs. Claypool was faced with the daunting challenge of organizing the event by herself. "It was a lot of work," she said.

When the Vermilion County Chapter of the American Cancer Society formed in February 1995, Mrs. Claypool approached them about taking on the tournament. The group agreed and the event has since become the organization's single largest fundraiser.

In 1994, Claypool's solo effort raised \$4,000 to fund cancer research and increase public awareness. Last year, the total jumped to \$6,000 because, Claypool said, the Cancer Society is able to draw bigger sponsors than the small band of organizers could.

This year's Classic will begin at 8 a.m. each day. Play is expected to end at 8 p.m. each night.

Each of the eight teams competing is guaranteed four games each. The winning team will take home \$150, while second place finishers will receive \$100.

The softball roster is full, but teams are still being

Christ. Blood pressures will be checked before dinner. Amanda Callahan, an exchange student, will present the program.

All area senior citizens are invited to bring a covered dish and participate.

### Farewell Open House

A farewell Open House for the Rev. W.T. and Annette Harden will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11 at the First Christian Church fellowship hall, 502 E. Main, Hoopeston.

The Hardens are leaving Hoopeston for Ohio after serving for 23 years at the church.

## Police News



**Joe Jusufi**, owner of the Hoopeston Family Restaurant, reported that on Aug. 3 or 4, someone took a compressor from a walk-in cooler sitting outside the business at 728 W. Penn.

**James Anderson**, #15 Parkview Court, reported Thursday that someone took a 100-foot drop cord and a 15-foot log chain from the bed of his 1979 pickup truck while the truck was parked at his home.

**Sheila Hardwick**, 602 E. Thompson, reported Thursday that someone took personal papers and cassette tapes from the glove compartment of her 1988 Chrysler while it was parked in the Schumacher parking lot.

## In the Hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 7, 1996

**Admitted:** Gary Johnson, Milford; Pauline Burnett, Ambia, Ind.; Robert Taylor, Rossville; William burtis and Crystal Irwin, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

## Weather



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