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Airstream Club's quilt raffle to help Carson City family with medical bills

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Hiking near the waterfalls above Carson City two years ago, Heidi Smith was bitten by ticks. Now, 12-year old Smith is dealing with the ravages of Lyme disease, which include arthritis, heart problems, lung disorders, and now, she is suffering from a malaria-like illness. Medication for this illness runs \$967 a month, and is not covered by the family's insurance.

In the past year, Smith had to use a walker intermittently, and she and her mother, Holly Smith, have had to move from their home with stairs and move in with Holly's mother, because Heidi can't manage more than a couple of stairs at a time. She attends first period at school, then is home-schooled for the rest of the day.

A fundraiser for the family is being sponsored by the California/Nevada Region 12 branch of the International Airstream Club, which is [hosting a rally this week](#) at Silver City RV Park in Minden. Bob and Celeste Stansbury, organizers of the rally, have included a raffle to raise money for Smith.

Two lap quilts, one a hand-made Amish quilt purchased by Bob Stansbury in Ohio, and the other a specialty Dresden pattern design, are being raffled off. Tickets are three for \$5, six for \$10 and 15 for \$20, and can be purchased during rally events Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Fuji Park building between 6-8 p.m. each evening, or during the week at the Silver City general store. The drawing will be held Saturday at 9 p.m., and winners need not be present to win.

Photo information: Bob Stansbury, president of the Region 12 International Airstream Club, points out the two quilts available being raffled off to help local girl Heidi Smith (center) who suffers from Lyme disease and other related illnesses, and her mother, Holly Smith at the welcome ceremony for the club's west coast rally Tuesday.

In the second photo, two handmade lap quilts are being raffled off to benefit local youth Heidi Smith, whose medical insurance does not cover the \$987-month medication she needs to help combat Lyme disease related illnesses.