



Earlier this year, Vernon Brown (owner of Brown's Processing and Brown's Smokehouse), was diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon Cancer. To fight this battle, he has undergone many costly treatments of radiation and chemotherapy, many of which were not initially covered by insurance. In addition, he is scheduled to have surgery within this next month to continue his fight. When we (Silex Lady Owls & Silex Owls Alumni) heard the news, we wanted to help and take advantage of the opportunity to give back to him. Here's why ... ☺

Vernon has been a major supporter of small schools in Lincoln County – Silex especially – for over 20 years. With the help of others, he has dedicated thousands of hours teaching and coaching basketball fundamentals, all on a voluntary basis. Many of the Silex Owl and Lady Owl Alumni can attest to the impact he had on Silex High School sports and the tradition of success that was built on the foundation he invested in. Not only did the hard work pay off in terms of many wins, athletic scholarships for many, and banners that now serve as a wall paper in the gym, there are also lifelong character traits that we also have as a result of this achievement – confidence, respect, self-discipline. We believe this was due to growing up in strong families and within the Silex community. Vernon was a major piece of that puzzle – and he never asked for or expected anything in return.

**Today, we ask for your help and support in this wonderful and worthwhile effort.**

On Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>, many of the Silex Owls and Lady Owls Alumni will be hosting the “*HUNT for HOPE 5K Fun Run*” in Silex, MO. The entire proceeds will go toward several very specific medical bills. We understand that our local community and businesses have been impacted by the flooding and weather this year so we appreciate any consideration to donate whether through time, raffle/prize items, gift cards, or cash contributions.

The “*HUNT for HOPE 5K Fun Run*” registration will start at 1:00 pm at the Silex Community Center. Our event will offer a **food truck, children's activities, FREE! T-shirt** and a fun run with a deer hunting twist! Along the 5K route, participants will be challenged to “shoot” pictures of strategically placed deer decoys with their cell phones. Anyone that gets a picture of all 6 of our numbered deer decoys will be entered into the drawing for even more prizes!

This is where we are in need of your help! We are looking for local businesses that would be interested in donating a monetary gift to help offset the cost of hosting this event (space rental, t-shirt costs, food/beverages). We are also asking for gift certificates to local businesses or items that we could use for prizes. In exchange, we would proudly display your business logo or family name to the back of our t-shirts and Facebook Event Page for making a monetary gift donation or donating a gift certificate. Anonymous donations are accepted as well!

Your involvement will make a real difference and we NEED you! We will contact you to discuss your possible participation to help support this event. Or, if you prefer, please feel free to call or email us to discuss further. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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