

## Poker Run for Brandi Klos - September 19, 2009

Brandi graduated from Montezuma High in May of 2008 she has 3 sisters Cheyene 15 who is a sophomore this year, and twin sisters Lauren and Carmen are 6 starting first grade this year at Montezuma.

Brandi continued her education at MCC, got an apartment and started a job as a CNA(certified nurses assistant) Her dream and education was to be a nurse. She could be a model, so beautiful. But her dream is to help others.

In October 2008, Brandi noticed numbness in her fingers and toes. On November 1st she said her tongue was very weak and her speech was slurred, so on November 2nd mom and dad got her home from school and took her to the emergency room in Iowa City. Where they did an MRI and found a mass on her brain stem. They said because of the location that it was in-operable, (meaning they cannot operate), or do any kind of biopsy. So it is being treated as if it were CANCER!

She went thru 6 weeks of radiation and 5 weeks of daily chemotherapy, she had double vision and very weak in both legs. And in January things looked good as far as the MRI showed, then Dr'S said she could go back to her apartment and go to work and school. So she went on with life and full filling her dreams. But also had to stay on chemo pills 5 days a month. Mom and dad believed in their daughter and doctor's and let this happen. Then Brandi had to have an MRI done in April, it looked ok, so she continued on with her chemotherapy pills, taken 5 days in one month.

But in June the MRI showed lots of color, it was wrapping itself around her spinal cord and the medulla of her brain. So mom and dad decided to take her to MAYO in Rochester Minnesota. Doctor's wanted to start Brandi on Avastin, a new type of chemotherapy. So Brandi did start it every 2 weeks in an IV and also had 3 infusions in an IV. She had lots of weakness in her left side, hand, arm, leg and foot. She can no longer walk or stand on her own.

On August 11th Brandi saw a specialist in Houston Texas supposed to be the best in the United States and agreed with MAYO Rochester MN, that it is not operable, non-curable but they can try their best to slow it down.

She's a kid with a big heart, a lot of dreams and her whole life ahead of her and could be one of yours, that just wants to live life to the fullest and help others, Hell that's a dream now let's help her live and then full fill Brandi's dream.



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Sign in starts at 10:30 am at courthouse square in Montezuma, IA  
\$5.00 per hand or \$10.00 for 3 hands with payouts to highest and lowest hand  
Last bike out at 11:30 am  
Last bike in at 5:30 pm (100 mile run)  
1st stop Delta Junction Intersection of HWY 92 & HWY 21  
2nd stop Wildlife Bar-n-Grill Fremont, IA  
3rd stop All In The Family Raceway (used to be Winds) Oskaloosa, IA  
4th stop Scooters New Sharon, IA  
5th stop County Seat Montezuma, IA  
Dinner and Street Dance -  
In front of and hosted by County Seat in Montezuma, Iowa  
\$10.00 per person - includes dinner and dance, \$15.00 per couple  
Food will be served from 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
CPR will be playing from 8:00pm - Midnight  
Several Raffles throughout the night including 50/50  
Lodging -  
Camping available for free or you can choose the following:  
Camping at Diamond Lake for a fee (payable to DNR)  
Cozy Country Inn - call for reservations at 641-623-5505

Everyone Welcome! All Proceeds go to Brandi Klos

Donations also accepted for Brandi Klos at Montezuma State Bank (641-623- 5766)  
C/O John and Brenda Klos