



# Community Connections

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## Best of Marshall County 2016



Community Hospital of Bremen is proud to announce that the hospital has been selected as “Best of Marshall County” again for 2016, selected among the winners of the “Best

of Marshall County” voting conducted by the *Pilot News*. This is the second consecutive year the hospital has been awarded this recognition. According to David Bailey, CEO, “It is an honor to be recognized by the communities we serve, and on behalf of the governing board, medical staff and hospital staff we thank the community for its continued support.”

## Community Hospital of Bremen recognized by the Women’s Choice Award

Community Hospital of Bremen has been recognized as a 2016 America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience by the Women’s Choice Award. The recognition is based on the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)



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patient survey reports, weighed according to the preference of female consumers. The scoring

process is unique in that it is the only national list that focuses on female patient satisfaction.

This award reflects the hospital’s commitment to delivering an exceptional patient experience for women and their families. This is the sixth year for Women’s Choice Awards, and all hospitals

receiving awards will be recognized in a full-page announcement in *USA Today*.

## Hospital Annual Meeting

The hospital annual meeting will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> this year. In the past, the hospital annual meeting was held on the third Monday in June. Due to the financial auditors having such a short window of time from fiscal year end (April 30<sup>th</sup>) to annual meeting date of the third Monday in June, the past several years only preliminary financial reports have been available. In order to provide final audited financial reports the

governing board voted to move the annual meeting date to occur “within 120 days of the fiscal year end”. According to David Bailey, CEO, “this will allow the auditors more time to complete their year-end audits and provide final financials to the community at the annual meeting.” Governing board elections are held at the annual meeting; thus, the elections for this year will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> as well.

# Scholarship Recipients 2016

## JESSICA GALL

The winner of the Bowen Medical Scholarship for 2016 is Jessica Gall. Jessica plans to attend the University of Indianapolis in the fall to become a physical therapist. She is the daughter of Jo and Drex Gall.



*Jessica Gall*

## SHAELYN ATKINS

Shaelyn Atkins is the winner of the Community Hospital of Bremen Auxiliary Scholarship for 2016. Shaelyn plans to attend Grace College to earn her nursing degree. She is the daughter of Melissa Wilson.



*Shaelyn Atkins*

## BRYCE NICKELL

Bryce is the recipient of the Community Hospital of Bremen Bowen Medical Scholarship for 2016. This scholarship is awarded to an employee of CHB or a child of an employee who is pursuing a degree in the medical field. Bryce is the son of Christina and Bradley Nickell of Bremen. Bryce recently received an associate's degree in Exercise Science from Ancilla College and will be continuing his education in the Exercise Science pre-med program at IUPUI.



*Bryce Nickell*

# Jackie Thompson voted Employee of the Year

Compassion, Commitment, and Enthusiasm are words that best describe this year's employee of the year, Jackie Thompson. Jackie has worked in the dietary department since 2011. During that time Jackie has consistently gone the extra mile to meet the needs of patients, their families, and staff members. She is well known throughout the hospital for her contagious attitude and positive energy. It is not uncommon for Jackie to check with staff throughout the hospital ensuring they have no dietary needs. She enters patient rooms with a warm smile and willing spirit to serve. Jackie is always willing to come in extra to lend a helping hand. She even volunteers to work in bad weather when other staff members are unable



*Jackie Thompson*

to make it in. Jackie is not only a great asset to the hospital, but a blessing to everyone she comes in contact with.

## Physician Corner

### Hospital Announces Emergency Department Additions

Community Hospital of Bremen is happy to announce that two new physicians have joined the hospital to provide emergency room care.

#### Randell Coulter, D.O.

Dr. Coulter is a 1992 Graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In 1995 he completed his residency at Michiana Osteopathic Hospital and Medical Centers and Board Certified in Family Medicine by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. He has 21 years of experience in emergency medicine.



#### John Levine, M.D.

An Emergency Physician since 2006, Dr. Levine received his medical degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He has been certified by American Board of Family Medicine since 1999 and an Emergency Room Physician for 10 years.



# Community Hospital of Bremen Foundation

**Invites  
You To:**

Summer  
**S C R A M B L E**

Saturday, June 25th, 2016

- Four Man Florida Scramble
- Registration: 8:00 a.m.
- Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m.
- \$300 per 4-person team
- This fee includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, cart, and lunch.
- Additional food and beverages will be sold during the event
- Register early! Limited to first 36 teams
- No rain date



**Prizes to Top 3 Teams**  
**Hole-in-One**  
**Longest Drive**  
**Closest to the Pin**

**Spring-O-Mint Golf Course**  
9425 US 6 West, Bremen, IN 46506

**For more information:**  
Contact Lon Kipfer @574-229-7124 or Debbie @574-546-8009

## Gerig Surgical Associates increased their physician availability

Community Hospital of Bremen is pleased to announce that beginning April 2016 Gerig Surgical Associates increased their physician availability in Bremen. General Surgeons Kevin Gerig, M.D., Winston Gerig, M.D. and Nathaniel Dew, M.D. will provide primary coverage with office hours Monday thru Friday in the Medical Office Suites located in the hospital. Emergency coverage will continue as always, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

By adding additional office hours and more availability for surgeries and endoscopies, Gerig Surgical Associates hope to better serve the Bremen Community.



*Nathaniel Dew, M.D.*



*Kevin Gerig, M.D.*



*Winston Gerig, M.D.*

## Community Hospital of Bremen Medical Center

The Bremen Medical Center, located at 1144 W. Plymouth Street, Bremen, is home to Laura Foudy, MD and Lindy Sergeant, MD. The Board Certified physicians provide family medicine and obstetrical services. They provide a full spectrum of care from birth to geriatrics in order to provide care for your entire family. The Bremen Medical Center offers an electronic medical record complete with a patient portal. The patient portal allows patients to send messages to the clinical staff, request medication refills, and access their medical records.

Bremen Medical Center is a Reach Out and Read literacy program site. Through this unique program, children between 6 months through 5 years of age receive free developmentally-appropriate books at each well child visit to take home. Each child who participates in Reach Out and Read starts kindergarten with a home library of up to 10 books and a parent who has heard at every regular checkup about the importance of books and reading.

The Bremen Medical Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dr. Foudy and Dr. Sergeant are accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, call 574-546-5363.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### June

#### Summer Scramble

Spring-O-Mint Golf Course  
June 25, 2016

### October

#### CHB Jubilee

(formerly Spring Sensation)  
October 1, 2016

## We Love Hearing From You!

Whether you come to the hospital for services on a routine basis, or in the case of emergency, please know, ***your opinion matters***. At each visit, you should receive a survey. This information is compiled and presented to each department represented on the survey. You have the option to return it anonymously. Should you decide to give your name you will be entered in a monthly drawing for \$25.00 in *Bremen Bucks*. Your opinion helps us to better serve you! Won't you become part of our Quality Team and complete this survey?



*David Bailey, president/CEO of Community Hospital of Bremen, accepts a check in the amount of \$4,700 from Sue Hickman, a member of the Community Hospital of Bremen Auxiliary. This generous gift will be used to purchase a new noninvasive transcutaneous bilirubin meter for the Obstetrical Department.*

*The Auxiliary, consisting of about 40 members, organizes several fundraising events throughout the year to support special needs of the hospital, especially needs of the Obstetrical Department and women's health initiatives.*

*If you are interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary, please contact Gloria Krieg, president of the Auxiliary, at 574-546-2897.*