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## Community Hospital of Bremen Welcomes New Providers

Lindy Sergeant, MD, has joined Community Hospital of Bremen and is excited to practice at the new Bremen Medical Center, located at 1144 W. Plymouth Street, Bremen.



Lindy Sergeant, MD

“Bremen Medical Center gives me the opportunity to build my practice from the ground up,” says Dr. Sergeant. She is focused on the care of each patient and sharing with them information so they better understand their health concerns and can be part of the process.

Dr. Sergeant’s decision to become a doctor began at an early age. She had great influences in her life that helped guide her into her career. Dr. Sergeant began her education at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where she attained a bachelor’s of Science in Biology with minors in biochemistry and French. She went on to attend Michigan State University College of Human Medicine where she received her medical degree. From there, Dr. Sergeant completed her medical residency at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and then a Primary Care Surgical Obstetrics Fellowship at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Dr. Sergeant is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

The decision to join Community Hospital of Bremen was easy for Dr. Sergeant. “Our Family Caring for Yours” was a perfect fit for Dr.

Sergeant’s way of practicing medicine and caring for patients. This also translates to her volunteer work in Togo, West Africa, where she worked at Hôpital Baptiste Biblique. During her trips there, she provided patient care and assisted in various surgeries, including caesarean sections.

Dr. Sergeant brings another unique dimension to her practice—literacy. She serves as the program director for the Reach Out and Read program at Bremen Medical Center. “This program is an essential part of each child’s wellness visit,” says Dr. Sergeant. “Every child receives a book during his or her wellness visit and provides me with the opportunity to promote the importance of reading for the patient and parents.”

Dr. Sergeant provides family medicine and obstetric services and is accepting new patients. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., The office phone number is 574-546-5363.

Jennifer Madlem, Family Nurse Practitioner, is the new face at the Occupational Health Center, 1425 W. Plymouth Street, Bremen. She is the first advanced practice nurse to join Community Hospital of Bremen and brings a unique skill set to occupational health. She says, “I’m excited to be part of this amazing team and anxious to meet the occupational health needs of the community.”



Jennifer Madlem, FNP

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## New Providers

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Jennifer’s journey to becoming a nurse practitioner began at Indiana University with a degree in nursing. She went on to the University of Indianapolis to attain a master’s degree as an FNP. Jennifer is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She has worked in a variety of specialties during her career, ranging from family medicine to ear, nose, and throat.

She is also a clinical instructor for the Indiana University of South Bend Master’s of Nursing program. “I evaluate students’ written knowledge and their clinical skills during their capstone semester before becoming a nurse practitioner,” says Jennifer. Her vast experience and knowledge lend themselves to expanding the services provided at the Occupational Health Center.

Effective November 30<sup>th</sup> the Occupational Health Center will expand its hours of operation to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Occupational Health Center is a full-service, stand-alone facility for work-related injuries, employment and DOT physicals, drug and alcohol testing, and much more. The office phone number is 574-546-2082.

## Hospital Announces Emergency Room Staffing Changes

Community Hospital of Bremen is happy to announce that three new physicians have joined the hospital to provide emergency room care. Dr. Marlis Lange, Dr. Brant Sanders, and Dr. Som Tyagi have joined Dr. Jim Lowe to provide full-time ER coverage beginning in November. The hospital now has full-time physicians to provide patient care in the ER, rather than using a staffing company as has been done over the past three years.

According to hospital CEO David Bailey, the staffing changes represent a positive move by the hospital to bring on full-time physicians who are committed to providing quality patient care to the community and to provide consistency to the physician staffing.

### Som Tyagi, M.D.

Receiving his bachelor of Medicine and bachelor of Surgery in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Dr. Som Tyagi completed his residency for Family



Medicine in Saginaw, Michigan, in 2011. He has worked as an emergency physician since January 2012.

### Brant Sander, M.D.

Dr. Brant Sanders is a 1996 graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Family Medicine and has been an emergency physician since 2003.



### Marlis Lange, M.D.

Dr. Marlis Lange is a graduate of University of Illinois College of Medicine and has been board certified in Family Medicine since 2003. Prior to coming to the United States, Dr. Lange trained and practiced medicine in Germany, receiving her MD in 1983. She has worked as an Emergency Physician since 2003.



## Cat Fight for Cancer

The Bremen High School and NorthWood High School girls soccer teams were extremely successful in holding the first “Cat Fight for Cancer” benefit soccer match. All together the teams raised over \$7,000.00, which was donated to the hospital. Representatives from both teams presented the check. If you know anyone on the teams, please give them a big “Thank you!” and congratulate them on their successful fundraiser. They did a great job that is greatly appreciated!





# SEASON'S GREETINGS

*to Our Hospital Family and Friends,*

Providing healthcare services in a small, rural hospital has become more and more challenging. With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and other changes that affect how health care is compensated, the cost of providing most services outweighs the reimbursement the hospital receives.

Reduced reimbursement makes it increasingly difficult to keep ahead of changes and improvements in health-care technology and replacement of equipment when it comes to the end of its useful life. In 2015, the hospital administration made a commitment to acquire a new ultrasound machine.

If you are considering a year-end tax deduction, your donation would be appreciated and used toward the purchase of this equipment. If you are unable to make a donation at this time, our request is that you support the hospital by using the health-care services it provides. By contributing in either way, you will be part of the ongoing effort to provide quality, state-of-the-art health care close to home.

As in years past, our annual letter provides those of us who are affiliated with Community of Bremen the opportunity to express our extreme gratitude for past support. Thank you for considering this year's request. Our hospital family wishes you and your family a very merry Christmas and many blessings in 2016.

With Warmest Regards,

Lon Kipfer,  
*Director of Development*  
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of Bremen Foundation

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## Scholarship Awarded to Dr. Laura Foudy

We are pleased to announce that the first Bowen Family Medical Scholarship has been given to Dr. Laura Foudy. This year, Dr. Foudy established a family obstetrics practice in Bremen in affiliation with the Community Hospital of Bremen. This scholarship is one way for the community to express its appreciation to Dr. Foudy for choosing Marshall County for her practice.



*Pictured above: Dave Bailey, President/CEO of Community Hospital of Bremen; Linda Yoder, Executive Director of MCCF; Laura Foudy, MD; Carol Bowen, and Scott Graybill, Chairman of Bowen Medical Scholarship Committee.*

a residency program with the intention of practicing in a primary care specialty in a rural Indiana community.

The scholarship seeks to support the training and placement of primary care physicians in Marshall County. It is derived from a fund in the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) and is a lasting legacy to the late Dr. Otis Bowen.

The Bowen Family Medical Scholarship is presented to either a primary care physician establishing a new practice in Marshall County or to a Marshall County resident attending medical school or

Individuals interested in supporting this scholarship fund can make donations to the Marshall County Community Foundation, designated to the Bowen Family Medical Scholarship.

## Auxiliary Donation Accepted



Dave Bailey, President/CEO of Community Hospital of Bremen accepts a check in amount of \$7000.00 from Jeri Elliott, CHB Auxiliary Ways & Means Committee Chair. The Auxiliary, consisting of approximately 40 members, organizes several fundraising events throughout the year to support special needs of the hospital, especially needs regarding 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.