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Welcome to the first MercyOne Elkader Medical Center newsletter! Over the past year, the hospital has successfully progressed through many transitions. I want to take a moment to reflect on the transitions and update you on what this means for you as a patient and a resident of Clayton County.

**TRANSITION #1:** The hospital became a wholly-owned entity of Des Moines, Iowa-based Mercy Health Network on October 1, 2018.

**What changed?**

- The hospital became a faith-based, Catholic organization. This means that the affairs of the hospital will be conducted at all times in a manner consistent with the values and principles inherent in the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Adopting this new faith-based model of care, however, will not change who the hospital serves. The hospital will continue to serve the entire community, regardless of faith.

- The hospital adopted the vision, mission, values, cultural beliefs and key result area goals of Mercy Health Network, now MercyOne.

- The focus of this new, faith-based health care ministry will be on developing and maintaining internal and external relationships, caring for the mind, the body and the spirit of those patients in our care, caring for the caregiver and institutionalizing the mission, vision, values and cultural beliefs in our everyday work.

**What remains the same?**

- There was no change in staff and/or medical providers through the transition. The same caring team will still reside in the hospital to take care of the community.

- The hospital will continue, as it has for over 18 years, to be operationally and regionally linked to MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center, also an owned entity of MercyOne.

- The hospital will continue to work closely with the Medical Associates Clinics in Elkader and Monona.

- The hospital will continue to have a local board of directors that will oversee quality and operations. The board is comprised of the same directors who were in place prior to the transition: Robert Bodensteiner, Jennifer Cowsert, Justin Vorwald, Tom Neuhaus, LaVonne Augustson, Bill Reimer and Jay Moser. Gary Guetzko, Regional Vice-President of...
Business Development for MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center, joined the hospital board of directors as the representative from MercyOne.

- The Central Community Hospital Foundation will continue as a separate entity from the hospital. The foundation will continue to fundraise to support the MercyOne Elkader Medical Center and MercyOne Elkader Ambulance with projects and education. All money donated to the foundation, including all ambulance donations, will be kept local and re-invested into the hospital and ambulance service.

TRANSITION #2: In November 2018, Mercy Health Network, now MercyOne, restructured into regions with Kay Takes of MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center leading the Eastern Iowa Region as President. The Eastern Iowa Region includes MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center, MercyOne Clinton Medical Center, MercyOne Elkader Medical Center, Guttenberg Municipal Hospital and MercyOne Dyersville Medical Center.

What does this mean for patients?
- There will be more collaboration and integration between Elkader and our regional partner MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center. Current examples of integration include pharmacy coverage, dietician/diabetic educator coverage, laundry service, biomedical equipment service and the ability to offer durable medical equipment to patients when they are discharged or in the care of providers in the hospital.

- The region will start to see partnership between MercyOne Elkader Medical Center, Guttenberg Municipal Hospital and MercyOne Dyersville Medical Center – the three critical access hospitals in the Eastern Iowa Region. The hospitals are already partnering together to share an infection preventionist resource, rather than all three locations hiring their own specialized employee.

TRANSITION #3: On February 1, 2019, Mercy Health Network adopted a new name of MercyOne as well as a new statewide brand. At the same time, the rest of the state, including Elkader, transitioned their names/brands as well. Central Community Hospital adopted the following two “Doing Business As (DBA)” names: MercyOne Elkader Medical Center and MercyOne Elkader Ambulance.

What does this mean for patients?
- Over 40 hospitals and 420 clinics across the state adopted the same name and brand. The change impacted 20,000 colleagues and over 2,000 medical staff who provide care to approximately 30% of Iowans. The map below shows the footprint of MercyOne across the state of Iowa.

As a patient, you will be able to identify visually how MercyOne Elkader fits into the region and the state. This can be helpful in coordination of your care.

TRANSITION #4: On February 28, 2019, LaVonne Augustson was appointed by MercyOne to the role of Board Chair for the MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Board of Directors. Welcome to your new role, LaVonne! Previous Board Chair, Robert “Bob” Bodensteiner, remains on the Board of Directors. Thank you, Bob, for your service on the hospital board since 1991 and in the role of board chair since 2005.

With all of the transitions this past year, time has progressed very quickly! As I reflect on the past year, I am most impressed with the resiliency of the MercyOne Elkader colleagues. They have remained focused and dedicated towards the goal of providing personalized, quality care to patients that present to our facility.

I want to personally thank the Board of Directors, the community and the colleagues of MercyOne Elkader Medical Center and MercyOne Elkader Ambulance for their support and trust over the past year during these transitions. It is an honor for all of us at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center and MercyOne Elkader Ambulance to serve the citizens of this community and Clayton County.

Sincerely, Brooke Kensinger, CEO
Registered Nurse, Brandy Boczkowski, received the 2019 DAISY award. MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer, Lavern Bird, and CEO, Brooke Kensinger, presented her with a certificate and the DAISY statue.

2019 DAISY Award Recipient

MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Registered Nurse (RN), Brandy Boczkowski, was named the 2019 honoree of “The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.” She was nominated by a grateful patient who received care at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center.

The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award is an international recognition program through the DAISY Foundation that honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide every day. MercyOne Elkader Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner. Each year the medical center recognizes one nurse with this special honor.

The DAISY Foundation was established by the family of J. Patrick Barnes after he died from complications of the autoimmune disease ITP in 1999. During Patrick’s hospitalization, his family deeply appreciated the care and compassion shown by nurses to Patrick and his care team. When he died, they felt compelled to say “thank you” to nurses in a very public way.

MercyOne Elkader Medical Center announces the addition of the Avera eCARE® Hospitalist, a virtual health service that supports community hospitals with around-the-clock access to physicians who specialize in the care of hospital patients.

The Avera eCARE Hospitalist team is comprised of internal medicine physicians and registered nurses who specialize in the care of patients during acute illness. “The Hospitalist program will be an additional resource for the MercyOne Elkader Medical Center care team to utilize for all adult patients hospitalized there,” said Amy Evjen, MD, Avera eCARE Hospitalist Medical Director.

Avera eCARE Hospitalist is available for local physicians, advanced practice providers and nurses to consult with experts at the Avera eCARE eHelm hub in Sioux Falls at any time of the day or night, 365 days a year. Patients may also meet the eCARE Hospitalist nurse or physician on a real-time secure video interaction as they collaborate with local medical staff in Elkader.

“Hospital patients will continue to have a relationship with their local providers, with extra assistance with diagnosis and treatment as needed,” Evjen said. Additionally, Avera eCARE Hospitalist staff can order lab tests or answer questions about test results, which may help improve efficiency and timeliness of care.

“MercyOne Elkader Medical Center is excited to enhance the care we provide to our community. We are fortunate to have a trusted medical team here in Elkader who offer excellent care. Yet we also welcome and appreciate the extra layer of support and expertise that the Avera eCARE hospitalist team provides to our local team and hospitalized patients.”

– Brooke Kensinger, MercyOne Elkader Medical Center CEO
For as long as we can remember, Lexy has always been one to complain of headaches. As parents, we never thought much of this complaint, as headaches are pretty common. We did think she probably had more headaches than the average child her age, but they would come and go a few times each month, and we could manage it with appropriate pain measures. It was not until the end of Lexy’s sophomore year of high school that we started to notice a change. She started to complain of headaches 3-4 times a week, and we thought it might be related to computer usage. We made an appointment to have her eyes checked, where Lexy was given a prescription for reading glasses. A few weeks go by of wearing those glasses, and Lexy is still complaining of the headaches. By this time, school is out, and Lexy has started her first job as a lifeguard. We started relying on the chiropractor for those headaches, but not long after summer started, Lexy was experiencing nausea and vomiting at least 3 times a week. Lexy was trying to maintain a job and enjoy her summer, but we noticed this was really affecting her quality of life. When she was not sick, she would try to play volleyball with her high school team in a summer league, but that proved to be difficult. During volleyball league, she was often dizzy, confused, and even sick. At this point, I made a call to Lexy’s pediatrician, and a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was ordered. We waited for an authorization to go through on our health insurance, but unfortunately, time was not on our side.

Elkader Sweet Corn Days, July 27th, – a night we will never forget. Lexy and her school dance team were going to perform in Elkader for the event. As parents, we were excited to watch their first performance of the year. The day before was one of those days where Lexy’s vomiting and headaches had taken over her day, but she woke up the day of the performance, feeling good, and seemed to have a great day. In fact, just 10 minutes before we met up with Lexy and her team, she had sent us a photo of her and her best friend, both beaming with excitement. That all changed very quickly. I got a call from Lexy’s best friend who reported that Lexy was not feeling well. Her dad and I were only a few blocks away, so we met up with the dance team. I knew right away something was not right, just by the way Lexy was looking at me. The first words out of my mouth were, “I’m taking you to the ER.”

As we arrived at the emergency room at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center, we were greeted by three nurses. We learned through the process of questioning Lexy that she was unable to see out of her right eye, could not feel anything in her right hand, and was not capable of pulling or pushing on the nurse’s hands. She responded to questions asked of her, but her responses were what we would describe as gibberish. As time progressed in the ER, she became restless and combative. As parents, we were scared, confused, and did not know what was wrong. We were worried we would never be able to communicate with her again. We were worried our happy, full of life Lexy, was going to have to adjust to a new quality of life.

The ER visit was physically and emotionally exhausting for all involved, however the staff and care we received was wonderful. We had three nurses taking care of Lexy, all with different skill sets. They remained calm and compassionate at a very busy time in the ER, they showed how to manage the complexity of their patients, and they never once showed that they were stressed. We encountered others on the health care team, a CNA who assisted in helping keep Lexy calm, and a radiology technologist who showed patience while she waited for the right time to perform a computed tomography scan (CT) on Lexy safely.

“When we arrived in Iowa City, the doctors told us that Lexy’s condition was life threatening. She needed immediate surgery. Without MercyOne Elkader Medical Center discovering the brain tumor, our daughter would have died.”
Dr. Lawlor was responsible for the care of Lexy that evening. She assured us that she was going to figure out what was wrong with her, and talked to us about transferring her to a place that specializes in pediatric neurology care. She recommended the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, and we trusted her recommendation. Once the CT was complete, Dr. Lawlor broke the news to us. I remember her saying, “There is no easy way to tell you this.” She placed a hand on my shoulder, and said that Lexy had a mass in her brain, and that mass was causing a build-up of cerebral spinal fluid (CSF). By this time, the care team in Elkader already had a helicopter in the air to take Lexy to Iowa City.

When we arrived in Iowa City, the doctors told us that Lexy’s condition was life threatening. She needed immediate surgery. Without MercyOne Elkader Medical Center discovering the brain tumor, our daughter would have died. The team in Elkader took her condition seriously, they saw her care all the way through until we knew what was wrong, and they involved us every step of the way in finding Lexy the care she needed at the next level of care. Lexy spent 11 days in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital. She underwent two surgeries. The first surgery was within an hour of arriving at Iowa City to treat Hydrocephalus, which was the extra fluid build-up in her brain. Two days later she underwent a 10 ½ hour craniotomy, or brain surgery, to remove her tumor. It was successfully removed during surgery, and the results from the biopsy showed her tumor was a Pilocytic Astrocytoma, a slow growing, benign tumor.

I have always been proud to say I work at the Elkader hospital. I have worked in health care for 10 years with a very healthy family, so rarely were we a consumer of services at the hospital. But I was proud to work here from hearing of other’s positive stories over the years, or new technology that we offer to our patients, or for having a great work environment. But I can say now, that being proud to work at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center has new meaning. I saw firsthand the work we do and the reason why we are here. This hospital is important to Elkader. This hospital is important to my family. This hospital saved our daughter’s life, and we are extremely grateful to her health care team.

One of the cultural beliefs for MercyOne is personalized care. As my family reflected back on this journey, this is what personalized care looked like to us: nursing leadership fostering a team effort, treating our daughter like a patient-calling her by her first name, remaining calm – so we as parents would not worry more than we already were, keeping Lexy safe, being nonjudgmental, keeping a warm blanket on our daughter, making small talk – trying to keep our minds from wandering to a dark place, having patience, assuring us this was not our fault, providing us comfort, treating Lexy like family, and telling us they would pray for us. How proud I am to work with such wonderful people at such a great place as MercyOne Elkader Medical Center.

Lexy will follow up regularly for a number of years at the Brain Tumor Clinic at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics, where she will have an MRI and follow up with her neurosurgery and oncology team. Her recovery is remarkable. She is looking forward to doing the things she loves, like volleyball and dance. She started her junior year of high school, and has been headache free since her visit to MercyOne Elkader Medical Center. She does not remember much from her visit in Elkader, but she wants everyone that took care of her to know that she is “Grateful, Thankful, & Blessed.”

Hospital Auxiliary Light for Life fundraiser

The Holidays are a special time to remember the loved ones we have lost. It is also a time to thank family and friends for their support throughout the year.

A perfect way to honor those loved ones is through the MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Auxiliary LIGHT FOR LIFE fundraiser. A Christmas tree light can be purchased in someone’s name and will serve as a remembrance, thank you, or any other friendship gesture on the purchaser’s behalf. Each light is a $5 donation. All donations will be posted on the display in the hospital lobby, website, and hospital Facebook page. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of needed equipment for the hospital.

## MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Auxiliary Light for Life Fundraiser

**Name**

**Address**

**In Memory OR In Honor of (circle one)**

I agree to have my name & memorial included in a published list of donors.

**Signature**

**Date**

Mail to: MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Auxiliary, Light for Life 901 Davidson St NW, Elkader, IA 52043
Central Community Hospital Foundation raised over $20,000 for MercyOne Elkader Medical Center

The Central Community Hospital Foundation would like to thank everyone who generously donated to their annual gala and golf tournament this year. Over $20,000 was raised for MercyOne Elkader Medical Center through the events. All proceeds from the events will support the health of the community through the services provided by MercyOne Elkader Medical Center.

Gala Sponsors (Held in March)
Gold Sponsors: Bodensteiner Implement, Dr. Ken and Fran Zichal, Central State Bank, Norby’s Farm Fleet, Beinborn Anesthesia S.C., Gifford Insurance Agency, Inc., Medical Associates Clinic and Health Plans, Elkader Tax and Bookkeeping, Dean and Joann Franzen, Ehrhardt, Gnagy, McCorkindale and Vorwald, Steven and Ann McCorkindale
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MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Auxiliary with new medical equipment purchased

Hospital Auxiliary News

The MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Auxiliary purchased over $10,000 worth of equipment and training for clinical staff at the hospital through funds raised from their annual rummage sale, donation drive and Light for Life fundraisers. The proceeds from these activities were used towards the purchase of equipment for the following departments: radiology, surgery, EMS, and nursing. Over the years, the auxiliary has raised significant dollars and their efforts are visible throughout the facility. The auxiliary’s financial contributions are made possible through the community’s support of their activities.

A special thank you to the auxiliary members and to the community for their support of these fundraising events.
Lung cancer screening now available at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center

Are you a long-term smoker? You may not be able to see what cigarettes have done to your lungs, but, WE CAN! A lung cancer screening is a fast, painless low-dose and non-invasive CT (computerized tomography) scan to look inside your chest. The scan is able to produce detailed cross-sectional images of your lungs. The screening of the chest increases the chance of detecting even the smallest of tumors. Your insurance may cover the screening if you meet all of the pre-determined criteria.

Lung cancer is the number one cause of death from cancer in the United States. Over 80 percent of lung cancers have a chance to be cured if detected early. Unfortunately, most cancers are not discovered until they reach an advanced stage, when signs and symptoms have already developed. The goal of a lung cancer screening is to detect lung cancer at a very early stage, when it is more likely to be treated effectively. It is the only test that has been proven to help doctors detect early lung cancer and improve survival.

Discuss the benefits and risks of lung cancer screenings with your health care provider. If you would like more information on lung cancer screening contact the MercyOne Elkader Medical Center radiology department at 563-245-7037.

Pulmonary function testing now available

Pulmonary function testing is now available at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center. Pulmonary function tests (PFTs) are noninvasive tests that show how well the lung are working. The tests measure lung volume, capacity, rates of flow, and gas exchange. This information can help your health care provider diagnose and treat certain lung conditions.

The equipment was requested by the providers at Medical Associates Clinic. Having the equipment in Elkader allows patients to receive a pulmonary function test local, rather than having to travel outside of the community to obtain this service.

The pulmonary function testing equipment was graciously purchased with funds from the Central Community Hospital Foundation. The Central Community Hospital Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed to provide funding for needs of MercyOne Elkader Medical Center. The medical center is grateful to the Central Community Hospital Foundation for the continued support in meeting the needs of the communities served by MercyOne Elkader Medical Center.

October – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. A way to detect breast cancer early is by having a mammogram. Mammography detects areas in breasts that could be breast cancer.

MercyOne Elkader Medical Center has 3D mammography which is the latest and most advanced mammography technology for breast cancer screening. A 3D mammogram captures multiple images from several angles, creating a multi-layered breast image that improves visibility for the physician reading the film.

Screening mammography uses low dose radiation to detect cancer early before women experience symptoms, when it is most treatable.

The current recommendation is for women to have a mammogram annually starting at the age of 40.

Call MercyOne Elkader Medical Center radiology department, 563-245-7037, to get your screening 3D mammogram scheduled.
Everyone expects and experiences changes in their bodies as they age. But what Ron Wahls experienced last year was not at all expected. Always an active and healthy man, Ron was busy with work and home life. In May 2018, he came down with pneumonia followed by a blood clot, shingles and tremors, zapping the energy out of what was normally a healthy man. He was weak and left with tremors that did not subside. His doctor noticed he also had a balance issue and shuffled when he walked, all symptoms of Parkinson’s disease. His doctor prescribed Ron a drug used for treatment of Parkinson’s disease (PD) while they continued down the road towards a confirmed diagnosis. The drug did not improve his condition and the test results came back negative. His doctors still considered the possibility that he had PD. Physical therapy was prescribed to see if he could regain some of his mobility and strength. When Ron arrived at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center therapy department in the fall of 2018, he was weak, experienced pain when he walked and had poor finger dexterity. He had problems with writing and buttoning shirts. The goal of his therapy was to improve his strength and mobility. Jackie Bormann, physical therapist, evaluated his condition and determined that he may benefit best with Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) BIG therapy, a new therapy technique used for Parkinson’s patients. Jackie and Jamie Thorson, PTA, are both Certified LSVT BIG therapists. Ron came in for therapy four times a week for four weeks and was also prescribed exercise at home seven days a week, twice daily. Once Ron started the therapy and exercise, he noticed significant improvement.

The improvement spurred his determination to continue with his exercise at home and to push himself at therapy sessions. At the end of his four-week session, he was able to play basketball with his grandkids for an hour and was able to button his shirt in less than half the time he had before his therapy.

Ron was determined to keep up this exercise program using the therapy he learned at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center. Still not diagnosed with a condition, Ron and his wife decided to seek a second opinion on his symptoms. His diagnosis came in the spring of 2019, Ron had a condition called “Essential Tremors” which is often confused with PD. He was prescribed the drug Propranolol to help control the tremors.

Feeling better, Ron and his wife took a vacation to Mexico. During the two weeks of his vacation he slacked off on the exercise and he started to progress downhill rapidly. When they returned from vacation, he jumped back into his normal routine of exercising daily doing eight different exercise activities he learned in the LSVT BIG therapy. He regained his strength that he lost while on vacation.

Ron is now living a normal, active life. His tremors are under control and he has his strength back. He continues his exercise program, which includes the LSVT BIG therapy. He is thankful for the care and exercise regimen he received at MercyOne Elkader Medical Center, which improved his mobility and strength. He is thankful that the hospital had Certified LSVT BIG therapists available that could recognize the type of therapy he needed when a diagnosis of a condition was not confirmed. He also appreciated that he could get this therapy close to home.

Essential tremor (ET) is a progressive, neurological disease characterized by tremors, most often of the hands or arms. In individuals with ET, other motor symptoms may be present including an unsteady manner of walking due to an inability to coordinate voluntary movements.
What is LSVT BIG therapy?

Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) BIG is an intensive therapy exercise program for people living with Parkinson disease (PD). People living with PD or other neurological conditions often move differently, with gestures and actions that become smaller and slower. They may have trouble with walking around, getting dressed and with other activities of daily living. LSVT BIG therapy improves movement for any activity. The activities could be “small motor” tasks like buttoning a shirt or “large motor” tasks like getting up from a sofa or maintaining balance while walking. The treatment improves walking, self-care and other tasks by helping patients “recalibrate” how they perceive their movements with what others actually see. It also teaches how and when to apply extra effort to produce bigger motions that mirror the movements of everyone around them. Because LSVT BIG treatment plans are customized to each person’s specific needs and goals, it can help regardless of the stage or severity of the patient’s condition. LSVT BIG can produce significant improvements even for people facing considerable physical difficulties. LSVT BIG treatment is delivered one-on-one and is tailored to each person’s own abilities and goals so that they work towards what’s meaningful to them.

LSVT BIG is designed for patients with Parkinson’s disease; however it can be very beneficial for patients who have Parkinson-like symptoms. The therapy can help improve walking, strength, balance and overall mobility for patients. For this therapy to be most effective, the patient must be committed to daily exercises.

- Jackie Bormann, MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Physical Therapist and Certified LSVT BIG Therapist

Priorities identified through community health needs assessment

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed into law in 2010. The ACA requires non-profit hospitals to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) every three years.

In February 2018, MercyOne Elkader Medical Center and Clayton County Public Health met to begin planning the CHNA process. From March 2018 to August 2018, data was collected from a county-wide survey as well as from other agencies to assess and prioritize needs of the community. Five priority areas were identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment: Mental Health, Emergency Preparedness, Obesity, Caregiver Support and Environment. From September 2018 to December 2018, the 2019–2021 Community Health Improvement Plan was developed around the five identified priority areas from the CHNA. For each priority area, existing efforts and resources were examined, new efforts identified, and goals and objectives were established. The report was made available on the hospital website in February 2019.

Improving the health of the county is a shared responsibility. Everyone plays an important role in improving community health whether it is in the home, school, workplace, church or health care setting. MercyOne Elkader Medical Center and Clayton County Public Health encourage and support all Clayton County residents to live a healthy lifestyle. Please join us in helping to achieve these priorities and improve the health of Clayton County.

To view the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, please visit: www.mercyone.org/elkader/about-us/community-benefit. For more information or to request a copy, please contact MercyOne Elkader Medical Center at 563-245-7000 or Clayton County Public Health at 563-245-1145.
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Nathan and Judy Nus
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Allen and Jillian Heavens
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Ambulance
Pat Wacker
Kenneth and Jody Roys

Pat and Arlys Fitzgerald
Kent and Cindy Werges
Keith Koblisha family
Kenneth and Twyla Walz
Jerald and Emma Larson
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