



**MED STUDENT** Ginger Fewell, seated, and Dr. Mary Beth Miller look over an X-ray. *Time staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Medical student does rotation in county hospital and clinics

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A second-year medical student is "following" the doctors at the Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinics.

Second-year student, Ginger Fewell, has been learning from Dr. Mary Beth Miller and Dr. Rebecca Allard by following and assisting them for the last four weeks. She will continue for another two weeks.

Ms. Fewell arrived in Cheyenne County on June 9. She is a student at KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She said that her instructor asked if she had a preference

where she might like to do a summer rotation in Kansas.

I am not, she said, a Kansas native. So her instructor said that he knew just where to send her and that was St. Francis, Cheyenne County.

However, she said, she has not regretted the assignment.

She has been learning the basic exam skills and what medicines to prescribe, just to name a few things. She noted that Dr. Miller has been such a good teacher and she was able to assist Dr. Allard in delivering a baby.

Ms. Fewell is one of the older

students in med school. She had taken undergraduate classes at Kansas University, Lawrence. She had always had med school in the back of her mind. Then she landed a job as a lab manager at Genome Sequencing Center in St. Louis and she stayed for the next nine years.

As a lab manager, she saw only staff.

"I wanted to work with people," she said.

She made the "leap" and entered KU Medical Center. She said while she thought the first year might be long and drawn out, it went very quickly. She only has three more years at the Med Center, then her residency will follow.

"Ginger has been an eager student this summer and seems to really click with people," said Dr. Miller. "She is going to make a very good doctor. The people of the community can be proud of what they teach medical students who come visit here."

She was born and raised in Breesee, Ill., a town of around 3,500, so she understands small communities and would not mind being a small-town doc. She is 90-percent sure that she would like to go into family practice.

Ms. Fewell and her friend, Ben Fehrmann, live in Kansas City with their two dogs. She enjoys cooking and even planted a herb garden so she would use the fresh spices for her food.

She will return to Kansas City on July 19. She will have a little vacation time until school starts on Aug. 4.

## Home health receives partial grant funding

Marlou Wegener, manager community relations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, notified the Good Samaritan Society—St. Francis Village that its grant application was being partially funded with \$525.

Cheryl Lee, Home Health Care director, said the funds will be used to purchase upgraded stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs for Home Health Care personnel to use in the community.

"We are grateful for the donation which will better help serve area residents," said Mrs. Lee.

The Home Health Care offers services to people whether they are on Medicare, Medicaid or private pay. Services provided include: light housekeeping, doing errands and fix small meals, among other things.

The Home Health welcomes inquiries and visits about health care services and options available in the community. Feel free to contact Mrs. Lee at (785) 332-3588 for Home Health Care options, and Rick Reeser, 332-2531, for apartment and skilled nursing facility information.

# Council raises spending limit in the general fund

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The Bird City Council July meeting was moved up a week to July 1 due to the upcoming harvest.

**Waste Water Lagoon**

Don High, Miller and Associates, presented the council with the invoice for \$44,333 for work done in June. The council agreed to pay \$24,833 from the revolving loan account and \$19,500 from the Community Block Development grant.

Mr. High discussed the road intersection problem and told the members the corner has been changed at no extra charge to the city. He went on to say cars approaching could see quite a distance down each road.

"The rip rap has been put in place and looks good," said Mr. High.

Mayor Troy Burr asked him if the budget was still pretty close to the original? Mr. High said yes, it was.

**Budget**

Phyllis Carson, city treasurer, presented the proposed 2009 budget for the council to discuss for changes. The budget will stay the same except for raising the spending limit in the General Fund from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to make improvements on the city hall building.

Deb Smith, council member, said city hall is a place visitors should see as a great place to visit and our city hall building needs updated.

Special meeting was set to approve the changes and they will be published after city council approval.

**Sheriff report**

Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported that he talked to Mrs. Carson about a 5-percent increase to cover primarily fuel from \$2,500 to \$3,150 per month. The sheriff said he did not like to ask for it but Mayor Burr said it is reality.

Sheriff Van Allen was told about the four wheelers that are being driven within the city limits by underage drivers.

Mayor Burr said that if they are being driven within the city limits according to traffic standards, is it a problem? Sheriff Van Allen said there was no problem with it. He went on to say there had been a few complaints about driving at high speeds, but no citations have been issued yet.

**Building permits**

Those receiving building permits were: Dave Hickert's, to build a steel carport across the alley behind his house on the lots that he owns; Ken Krien, to replace his concrete driveway; Scott Smith, to build a

new resident concrete patio; Wade Carmichael extending permit, to build his resident garage approach out of concrete materials.

**Employee insurance**

Ray Magnani, Personnel Committee, brought up the subject concerning health insurance cap. Mayor Burr reminded the council that at the last meeting, a \$500 health insurance cap had been approved.

Recently, city employees have been looking over AFLAC insurance to see if it was something they were interested in. Mr. Magnani asked if an employee could apply what is left over from the health cap to AFLAC, or if basic health insurance was \$150 per month could \$350 go towards an AFLAC policy?

Mrs. Smith said AFLAC is not a health insurance and the cap does not carry over to a different policy. If the employee wanted the AFLAC insurance, they would have to pay for it. There was no further discuss on the matter.

Mr. Magnani reported Brad Schneider, city employee, is eligible for health benefits and had turned in his forms.

**Van Doren Park Shelter House**

Mayor Burr mentioned the new furniture bought by the Community Club is now in the Shelter house and cost \$1,800.

Stan Dorsch, Community Club, asked, by letter, that the furniture not be removed for personal usage. Mrs. Smith, said the tables and chairs should be counted and people who wanted to use the Shelter House would have to sign out the key.

The council adopted a policy to replace missing or damaged furniture at current cost.

**Moderate-income housing**

The city received approval from the Northwest Housing to build moderate income housing to be built on the school lots just north, on half of the block.

Two duplexes and two single-family housing, six housing units have been approved for construction.

"The surveying should begin by August and construction is proposed to start in September," said Cathy Domsch, executive director, Century II Development Foundation.

As incentive to the approval of the grant, the city waived water and sewer tap fees.

**Committees**

Mr. Carmichael, Park and Recreation, reported that a family had planted a tree in memory of a loved one in the park. He asked if it was OKAY to get a plaque

design that would be standard across the park and would be an option for the donor to buy? No one objected.

Deb Smith, Streets, asked when Craig White, city maintenance, would be able to get the material to seal the streets. Mr. White said the company supplying the street sealing would have the product the end of July or the beginning of August.

He said the asphalt saw is in St. Francis, asked the council to make list of necessary work. He had priced an airless paint sprayer. Mayor Burr said \$500 had been approved to purchase one at last meeting.

**Bird City sign**

Jana Diers, city clerk, said the railroad keeps billing for the Bird City sign on its property. However, Ken Krien, Bird City, said that he filled a quick-claim deed in 1994 with the Burlington Railroad Company that states it is his property.

Mrs. Diers has contacted the railroad with the information and has not received a call back. Mr. Krien had the sign put up and donated the land and sign to the City.

Mrs. Diers went on to say the railroad notices have stated not to pay, but she is concerned because the bills keep coming, the bills are from 2003 until now. It has been turned over to Kari Gilliland, city attorney, to investigate.

Mrs. Smith wanted to remove the sign; however, Mr. Magnani said it should not be done without letting the public know. Mrs. Smith went on to say the sign is in a bad location. Mayor Burr agreed that it blocks traffic from the east. There was no further discussion.

**Miscellaneous**

Auditor from Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball met with Mrs. Diers on July 2 to start the waste water fund audit. The audit is a requirement of receiving the Waste Water Lagoon grant from Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mayor Burr and Phyllis Carson, city treasurer, were present during the audit.

They agreed to adopt an increase in mileage from Internal Revenue Service raised to 58.5 cent a mile.

Rod Young has consented to represent Bird City on the 911 Dispatch Board.

**Clerk hired**

Meeting adjourned to executive session. After the council reconvened, motion carried to send a letter to Tabetha Ketzner offering her the position of Bird City city clerk.

Next meeting is Aug. 4.

## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the editor:

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc., has received funding from the City of Bird City in the amount of \$750. These funds will be used to provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Kansas,

and it is greatly appreciated. It is a fortunate community indeed whose governmental officials recognize the need of all of its citizens.

Jennifer Follis  
Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc.,  
Advocate

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**Sat., July 12 — 3 Lady**  
**Sun., July 13 — 1 Man**  
**Mon., July 14 — Jr. Tournament**  
**Thurs., July 17 — Sr. 2 man Tournament**  
**Sat., July 26 — 1 Couple Day/night**  
**Fri., Sat., Sun., Aug. 15-17 — Riverside Rendezvous 30th anniversary.**

**Thurs., Aug 28 — Sr. 2 Man Tournament**  
**Sun., Aug. 31 — 2 Couple**  
**Sun., Sept. 7 — Hospital Benefit**  
**Sun., Sept. 14 — 3 Man**  
**Terry Brenner Memorial Backwards Tourn. — TBA**  
**Mens Club Tournament — TBA**  
**Ladie's Night — Every Tuesday, 6 p.m.**  
**Men's Night — Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Couples Golf — July 20, Aug. 3 & Aug. 24, 5 p.m. Potluck following golf.**  
**Jr. Golf — July 11, July 18 & July 25**

State of Kansas Recreation Commission 2009  
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The Governing Body of  
Cheylin Recreation Commission  
will meet on the 23rd day of July, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at Cheylin School Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at 312 W. 2nd, Bird City, Ks. and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

The proposed Budget Expenditures (below) are the maximum expenditure limits for the budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2007	Current Year Estimated 2008	Proposed Budget Year 2009
General	47,642	36,680	34,440
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*Belinda Serrano*  
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