Indianola native completes medical externship

Hillary Konsure of Indianola recently finished her first year of Medical School at Oklahoma State University in Tulsa. During the spring of her first year of medical school, she applied for a Summer Rural Externship (SRE) in McAlester for the Summer of 2015.

Konsure was selected to do the externship and placed with Dr. Carol Gambrill at McAlester Regional Health Center. Konsure completed the externship, which she described as an outstanding learning experience.

"Being part of the Summer Rural Externship (SRE) program solidified my desire to work in a rural area," she said. "I grew up knowing there was a need and hoping I could be a part of the solution to that problem.

"The SRE allowed me the ability to not only gain hands-on experience but allowed me the opportunity to visit with the people of rural Oklahoma in a healthcare setting."

Konsure said she gained lots of medical knowledge through the experience.

"I gained a deeper respect for rural medicine, and I can't wait to continue my education to serve these communities," she said. "I'm very appreciative of the opportunity provided to me by OSU and MRHC."