The physicians and staff of Beloit Medical Center, P.A. are proud to announce the addition of Jason A. Cheney, M.D. to their team of physicians. An open house to welcome Dr. Cheney to the Downs community will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Dr. Cheney graduated from Sylvan Grove High School, completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Kansas and his residency at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita. He and his wife, Dana, have two sons, Jackson, age two, and Luke, age six months.

Dr. Cheney’s office hours at the Downs Clinic are Tuesday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. He is also available to see patients in Beloit on Tuesday mornings, all day on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

For an appointment to see Dr. Cheney, please call the Downs Clinic at 785-454-3311 or Beloit Medical Center, P.A. at 785-738-2246.
The University of Kansas recently recognized their student ambassadors for the 2007-08 academic year. Student ambassadors work closely with the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, volunteering their time to give campus tours, serve on informational panels in Lawrence and elsewhere, and correspond with prospective students.

Three students receiving special recognition for their service in 2007-08 include Natasha Parman, daughter of Dena and Craig Parman. She is a senior majoring in sport science. Amber Abel, daughter of Gary and Joyce Abel, received her bachelor's degree in human biology in spring of 2008.

Jordan Cox, daughter of Karen and Brent Iverson, is majoring in pre-education, secondary.
Students from 10 Kansas high schools were honored Sept. 17 by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment. A total of 35 seniors from high schools in Sumner County were recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a dinner program at Wellington High School.

Oxford Junior/Senior High School students named KU Honor Scholars were Baye Burkes, Bryce Mayes and Aubrie Neises.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals. During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by KU alumni staff members Heath Peterson, director of Kansas programs; and Michelle Miles, assistant director of Kansas programs.
The UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ARMY ROTC PROGRAM AND JAYHAWK BATTALION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION annual reunion is at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at the Military Science Building on the Lawrence campus as part of the football homecoming weekend. Anyone who participated in ROTC through KU or one of its extension center and their supporters are invited to attend. Contact David Pendleton at (913) 684-9448 or e-mail henry.david.pendleton@us.army.mil.
KU to host ROTC reunion

The University of Kansas Army ROTC program and the Jayhawk Battalion Alumni Association will host its fourth annual Alumni Reunion on Oct. 25 at the Military Science Building on the Lawrence campus as part of the football homecoming weekend. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the activities will kick off at 9:30 a.m. Activities include the induction of the four newest JBAA Wall of Fame members, awarding of four scholarships to current cadets, and music by the 312th Army Reserve Band. Refreshments will be served and the events will be over in time to make the football game. Anyone who participated in ROTC through KU or one of its extension centers and their supporters are invited to attend. For more information, contact retired Lt. Col. H. David Pendleton at Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil or 913-684-9448.

Kara Littrell Gardner, of Hoisington, a 1998 graduate of Hoisington High School and a member of the Kans for Kids family as a Hodgkin's survivor, is a recipient of a $1,000 first-time scholarship. She is a freshman at Barton County Community College where she will pursue a degree in nursing. She is married to Kim Gardner and has two children, Hadleigh and Hayden.

Chance Haddon of Ellinwood received a renewable $500 scholarship. He is a junior at Kansas State University in Salina where he is pursuing a degree in computer systems technology. A 2006 graduate of Ellinwood High School, he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school and college. He is a member of the Kans for Kids family as a leukemia survivor. He is the son of Randy and Jimalene Haddon of Ellinwood.

Tanner Polzin, a 2005 graduate of Hoisington High School and the son of Duane and Patty Polzin, is the recipient of a $500 renewable scholarship. He is a senior at Kansas University where he is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a member of the Kans for Kids family as a melanoma survivor.

The Becky Nicholson/Kans for Kids Scholarship was established in 1999 in memory of Becky Nicholson, daughter of Karen Nicholson and Bill and Patti Nicholson. The scholarship is funded by memorials and donations to Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation. Any child who has received funding from Kans for Kids while they battled childhood cancer is eligible to receive a renewable scholarship as they further their education beyond high school.
The Friends of Chanute Library is offering a four-part book discussion series September through November on "Women Around the World." Members of the community are invited to attend the free programs, which will take place at the library, 111 N. Lincoln Ave.

The series is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit cultural organization, as part of its Talk About Literature in Kansas (TALK) program. The Council's Resource Center is furnishing the books and discussion leaders for the Chanute TALK series.

The first meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25. Marilyn E. Klaus of the University of Kansas will lead a discussion of Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel about an obedient daughter who rebels when tradition and a tyrannical mother conspire to keep her from true love.

In this series, readers will have the opportunity to discover the voices of writers from Mexico, Chile, Senegal, and Ireland - some of the most powerful fiction today being published by women from the developing world.

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Each novel explores issues universal to women, such as marriage, coming of age, and mother-daughter relationships, within the context of a national history, politics, and social mores quite different from our own.

Other novels in the series include The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende (Oct. 13), So Long a Letter by Mariama Ba (Oct. 27), and The Country Girls Trilogy by Edna O’Brien (Nov. 12).

To check out books and for more information about the reading series, contact the library at 431-3820.
When the subject of rain during Thursday afternoon's cross country meet is brought up, Eudora High School senior JoAnna Male wasted no time in dismissing questions about having to run in less than pleasant conditions.

"You've got to run anyway, so you might as well make it interesting," Male said.

The statement is a microcosm of Male's academic career to date.

She began taking high school math classes in eighth grade and exhausted her options for math classes at EHS after her junior year.

And last summer, she began research in the chemical engineering department at Kansas University. She is building on the research of a graduate student by using computer simulations to discover manners in which the shell
life and stability of pharmaceuticals could be improved.

"Not only is she very bright, but she is very motivated to learn," Pam Davis, Male's gifted teacher at EHS said. "She's really driven to do more learning than she would have to do. She's a really special kid and a lot of fun to work with."

Her work at KU during the summer did not earn her any grades, but Male was motivated to win scholarships from science and technology companies Siemens and Intel.

"Both of them offer a $100,000 grand prize, so that's enough motivation," Male said.

Davis told Male last year about the Intel Science Talent Search.

She needed a mentor to do research for the scholarship, so Davis was able to connect Male with Kyle Camarda, associate professor in the chemical and petroleum engineering department at KU.

"JoAnna is doing quite well, and we have enjoyed having her in the lab," Camarda said. "She was quite busy over the summer and continues to have many activities going on, but when she can get into the lab, she has interacted well with the undergraduate and graduate researchers there."

Indeed, Male was involved in several activities during the summer, including 4-H and a trip to Ireland with Adventure Scouts of Lawrence. But Male still spent between 10 and 20 hours doing research in the lab each week.

"I had to spread my summer pretty thin because I had a lot of activities going on," Male said. "There were a lot of events, but I found time for the lab, and for a social life and for work. I had a summer, it was just a little busier than usual."

Though her research was sometimes tedious, there also were days when Male felt that she was making some headway and kept in mind the fact that her research possibly could decrease the amount of money consumers have to spend on drugs.

Male's research is ongoing and she soon will have to submit her findings to Intel. However, the project is so dense that she will be able to revisit it.

Camarda said he's been impressed with Male's ability to comprehend such complex material and would like to see her attend KU as a undergraduate or graduate student.

Male is not sure whether or not that is in her future, as she has her sights set on universities a bit further away from Eudora. She is looking into attending Kansas State University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke University or Stanford University.

"KU is a good school, but it's too close to home," she said. "Plus, I'm a Wildcat at heart."
KU Students Get White Coats

The University of Kansas School of Medicine officially welcomed 175 first-year medical students to the Class of 2012 during its 11th annual White Coat Ceremony, held Friday, Aug. 1, in Battenfeld Auditorium on the medical center's main campus. Among the 175 students were two from the Rose Hill area. They were Emily Roth, daughter of Jess and Patty McCullough of Rose Hill and Jacob Petrosky, a Rose Hill High School alumni. He is the son of Charles Petrosky of Wichita.

During the ceremony, faculty and staff gave each incoming student a white coat that represents their inauguration into the medical profession. Students and faculty concluded the ceremony by reciting an oath of commitment to their profession.

"The Class of 2012 is one of the highest-performing classes in the School of Medicine's history," said Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Executive Vice Chancellor of KU Medical Center and Executive Dean of the School of Medicine. "We are honored to have the responsibility of training these promising students to be Kansas' future doctors."
The 12th walk up the hill for Mount Oread Scholars was at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 18 at the University of Kansas. Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success, lead the walk and provided commentary about the campus.

Two students from the Rose Hill area participated in this event. Both are Rose Hill High School alumni. They are Jessica Thimesch, daughter of John and Sharon Metz of Rose Hill and Tarin Clay, daughter of David and Alicia Clay of Derby.

The walk signifies the beginning of a journey of higher education for the Mount Oread Scholars, whose ultimate goal is to walk down the hill upon graduation.

The walk up the hill was followed by a breakfast reception at Spencer Research Library where the students were invited to learn more about KU's libraries. During the breakfast, Dean of Libraries, Lorraine Haircombe, Nemeth Tuttle and Mount Oread Scholars Program alumna Ava Dinges addressed the scholars.