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Medical student returns to hometown for rotation

WINNEMUCCA--Kurt Kracaw, a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nevada School of Medicine and graduate of Lowry High School, is now completing a four-week rural rotation with Dr. Richard Ingle.

Kracaw, who grew up in Winnemucca and plans a career in rural medicine, said he wants to work in a small town because he likes the slower pace. But, he added, since he's been working alongside Dr. Ingle, he's discovering that rural medicine is often anything but slow paced.

"What I've seen has been much different," he said. "It's been very busy and demanding."

Dr. Ingle is the only physician providing obstetrical services between Elko, Reno and Boise, Idaho and often his days last until after 9 p.m.

Kracaw, who will be going to Boise, Idaho after graduation in May for his residency in family practice medicine, will be in Winnemucca until the end of March.

Kracaw's rotation is coordinated by Nevada Area Health Education Center, which works in partnership with the School of Medicine to provide educational experiences for students in rural Nevada.