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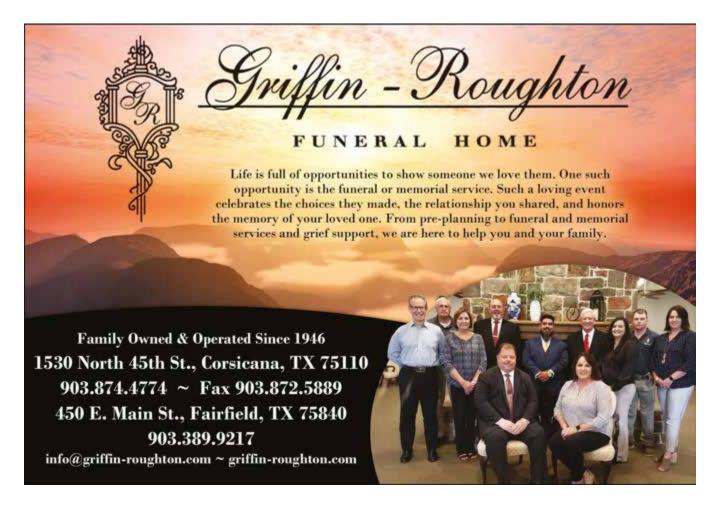
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### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Let the games begin!

The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad begin on July 26. Having grown up in Texas, I enjoy and understand the warm weather sports far more than those of the Winter Olympics, such as curling. I feel a bit of binge watching coming on already, especially when the diving competitions begin. The opening ceremony is always so thrilling, as the athletes proudly walk in representing their countries. Everyone's full of high hopes. Happy and proud memories are being made, since for every one of those athletes, there have been wins, losses and painful struggles to get to that special time.

A few months ago, I felt like I was personally climbing Mount Olympus, while vacationing with my family at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument in New Mexico. Not only is the air thinner at that altitude than ours, but the boulder pathway with constant switch backs is challenging. My knees, having to repeatedly reach higher heights than a typical stair rise, felt that climb, and we had to lift my 5-year-old granddaughter, Kyrie, up over the higher boulders, since her shorter legs just couldn't go that high. As the youngest and oldest in our group, she and I needed occasional assistance. Having made it to the ancient cliffside caves, we could appreciate that the ancients had that climb every time they hauled water from the river below. The park ranger informed us that graupel was going to start falling, so we were going to have a harder time climbing down on the ladders that formed the pathway. Graupel was a new term for me, but she had forecasted correctly. The small, perfectly round ice pellets did make the two ladders and straight descent a bit interesting. All was well that ended well, however, and we celebrated like winning athletes.

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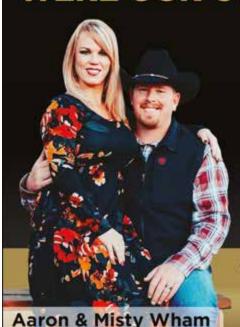
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Mary Bresnaham Franklin, winner of \$50 cash, said, "I'm so excited I won the scavenger hunt. I've been playing for a couple of years now and enjoy reading about what is going on around town."



# FEDING BODY SOUL

— By Virginia Riddle

Little pockets of beauty lay throughout Corsicana, just waiting for visitors to enter and enjoy their peace, abundance of color, meaningful designs and nature's smallest and most delicate creatures. Some residents already have experienced what artist and poet, Minnie Aumônier, expressed, "When the world wearies and society ceases to satisfy, there is always the garden."

One such garden lies behind Faith Lutheran Church — a place of peace and tranquility, which memorializes family and friends of Faith Lutheran who have passed. 2020 was a sad time for the congregation, which lost seven members, some to COVID-19, including longtime Corsicana residents, Gene and Clyde Bullard. The church members needed to create a place of remembrance and hope.

Amy Dall, the designer, said, "We originally wanted a place to sit and enjoy the outdoors, but our need inspired a much larger vision." She and memorial gardener, Shirley Morgan, shared that the garden has brought about a renewed sense of fellowship within the church and outreach to the Corsicana community.

The plan started with taking the raw and natural beauty of rocks to create some mosaics depicting God's promises. "The mosaics were embedded in concrete to reflect the firmness and everlasting nature of God's truths," Amy stated. "Plants were added to remind us of the beautiful growth of our faith."

The garden was built by the members of the church, including Amy's service dog, Sandy. "The members learned new skills including cement and mosaic work. Stepping stones of the 12 apostles and 12 Bible verses were teaching tools for the larger mosaic cement work," Amy explained. "A mosaic of creation surrounded by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is united by a triquetra river of rocks. In the 'river' are rocks engraved with the names of loved ones, times on earth, artwork and inspiring phrases in tribute. Surrounding the center mosaic are portrayals of baptism, communion and God's covenant with man in the rainbow. A 12-segment circular walkway takes you through the colors of the church year from blue advent through the white and gold of Christmas and Easter ending with the golden Christ the King Sunday."





The foliage surrounding the walkway matches the seasonal colors of white, gold, green, red, purple, blue and black. "It was really hard to find black plants for Good Friday!" Amy recalled. "Artwork placed amongst the flowers includes four statues of Jesus, a metal cutout of the crucifixion, *Grace alone* — *Faith alone* — *Word alone* raised planters, trellises and wind chimes." The garden attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, toads and frogs. Security cameras and a lighting system keeps the garden a safe haven for visitors 24/7, and a watering system protects the plants from the Texas sun. Three sunshades and benches provide an inviting garden rest spot.

"After almost a year of hard work, the





garden was dedicated on November 5, 2022," Amy stated. "The ceremony was held in the garden with family and friends of the passed souls. A reception followed where tears were shed, laughs exchanged and hugs shared between all. The garden has truly helped to heal our hearts."

Every November, newly passed souls are honored in a celebration. "It's a kind of family reunion," Amy said. The garden's a nice place to remember folks as family histories are shared with younger generations. It's a happy time."

Amy moved to Texas 10 years ago from Virginia where she worked at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Shirley's been a Corsicana resident since the age of 10, and she recently retired from



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22 years with the Corsicana Police Department. "I love watching the garden grow and sharing it with others as my mother first shared her love of gardening with me," Shirley stated. "God gave us gardens to enjoy starting with the first day of creation."

Other churches in Corsicana offer visitors a welcoming respite from everyday problems. First Methodist Church's prayer garden on 15th Street was dedicated in memory of Max James Stites in 1982. His widow, Lana Stites, and her friend, Kay Hable, have been the primary caretakers. "The Prayer Garden provides a place of

beauty, peace and solitude for people to sit, rest, pray and meditate," Lana shared. "At five o'clock each day, the tower chimes provide familiar hymns, which add to the spiritual experience." Funding for the garden comes primarily from donations in both time and money. The garden has been a favorite setting for many prom and wedding photo sessions over the years. Annuals are planted each year, and the pink amaryllis bulbs have been in Lana's family for over 30 years. A separate garden with seating also adorns the parking lot side of the church. Saint John's Episcopal Church offers a small playground/picnic area on its 5th Avenue side for visitors to enjoy.

The city of Corsicana offers two pocket parks on Beaton Street, which are open during downtown business hours. Kids of all ages enjoy annual holiday and special events held partially in the pocket parks, but downtown shoppers and merchants use the tiny parks for a touch of nature or reading nooks during lunchtime. An additional garden, maintained by the city, serves as a colorful entry to the Senior Center.



"Our courtyard garden is a beautiful little corner of Corsicana and one of the city's best kept secrets," Fred Biltz, the center's director, said. Seating is surrounded by annuals and perennials installed by city personnel. "Everyone is welcome to come any time the senior center is open," Fred added.

With summertime temps rising, even the hardiest of local gardeners may enjoy nature maintained by a fellow community gardener or city staff. Bring a picnic, icy beverage, good book and maybe even a human or fur friend, and "sit a spell" while enjoying the cool of the morning or evening night sounds in these beautiful, best kept secret gardens created by the community for the community.









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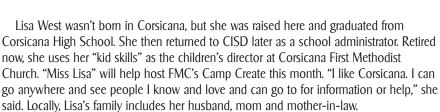
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## **Around Town**



## Zoomed In: Lisa West

By Virginia Riddle



She enjoys making baskets and reading and is taking up pottery and genealogy. Lisa enjoys beach destinations, and her guiding Bible verse is "the least of these." Lisa concluded, "I'm always finding the underdog and trying to improve his or her situation, especially with children."



Byron Haynie's show goes on, even with the rain, at Angelita Vineyard & Winery.



Barbara Hartley presents the new Kinsloe House website she designed to the KH members.



Cindy Walker Foundation board members share Cindy's recipe for ice cream sundaes and the news that her home has been selected as one of National Trust for Historical Preservation's 2024 America's 11 Most Endangered Historical Places.



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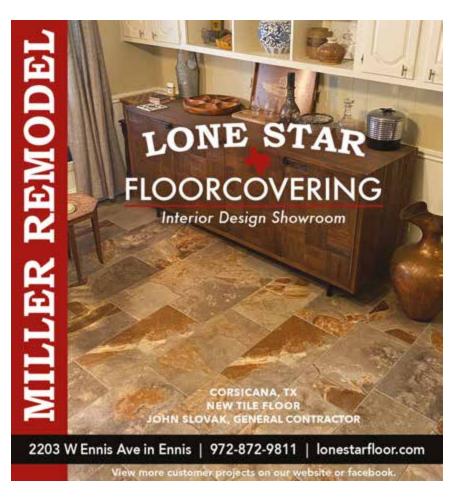
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A Kansas native, Dr. Van Horn is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. He received an MPH degree from Harvard School of Public Health and received his dental credentials at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Van

Horn completed a two-year mentorship with Dr. Richard McLaughlin in San Diego, California. Van Horn Orthodontics is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the American Dental Association and the Texas Dental Association. Dr. Van Horn is a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. "Only about one-half of orthodontists are board certified," Dr. Van Horn stated.

"Having served this community since 1989, I've built many long-term, multigenerational and family relationships."

Dr. Van Horn took advantage of an opportunity in Waco, Texas, and opened his practice there before expanding what was originally a satellite office into Corsicana. He's been licensed by the State of Texas to practice dentistry since 1986.

Helping to serve patients in both Corsicana and Fairfield are Dana Brown, Teresa Rash, Shauna Duke, Courtney Dawson, Amy Mullican and Morgan Harrison. The practice took Corsicana's Best of the Best orthodontics office honors in 2016-2023. This team volunteers with Wednesday's Child and works with an area church in providing care for children.

Challenges arise as with any business for a medical professional in sole practice, but Dr. Van Horn cites only one. "We work very hard at encouraging patients to help themselves and cooperate with their treatment."

In his spare time, Dr. Van Horn enjoys golfing and travels with his two Australian Shepherds to dog shows. "My Aussies compete at the national level as a team in agility trials through the Australian Shepherd Club of America. I have lots of fun with them." he shared. Dr. Van Horn's a member of the Corsicana's Church in the Park.

Dr. Van Horn loves the world of art and sees his practice of orthodontics as a form of artistry. "Orthodontics was the best fit for me as a career choice since I have always had an interest in both science and art." he stated. And the beautiful smiles he's created are testimony enough to Dr. Van Horn's success. NOW



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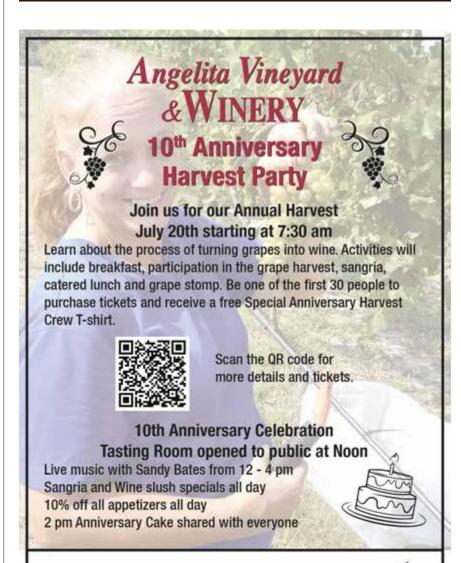
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## Fire Roasted Black Bean and Corn Salsa

Provided by Matt Mellott for the January 2013 issue of *North Ellis Co.NOW Magazine*.

- 4 large tomatoes, halved and seeded
- 3 jalapeños, seeded
- 2 serrano peppers, seeded
- I corn on the cob
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. cumin
- 1/4 tsp. coriander
- Salt, to taste
- **1.** Place the tomatoes on a hot grill; char the outsides. Cool in a bowl.
- **2.** Place whole jalapeños and serranos on the grill. Grill until skin is charred; place in the bowl with the tomatoes. Cover with plastic for 5 minutes.
- **3.** Place freshly husked corn on the grill until it is golden brown. Cool; cut corn from the cob. Reserve the corn in a separate large bowl.
- **4.** Remove plastic wrap from the peppers. Scrape charred peppers with a knife to remove the skins. Also remove the seeds. (If using your bare hands, wash right away with soap, and avoid contact with your eyes. Or wear latex gloves to remove the seeds.)

- **5.** Place the peppers and tomatoes in a blender; pulse to desired consistency (5 to 6 times is recommended).
- **6** Pour pepper/tomato mixture into the large bowl with the corn. Add cilantro, black beans, garlic, cumin, coriander and salt; stir to mix.
- **7.** Refrigerate for 4 hours; serve.

#### **Island Turkey Burger**

Provided by Matt Boggs for the April 2019 issue of MidlothianNOW Magazine.

2 lbs. ground turkey
I whole egg
I/2 cup Panko breadcrumbs
I pineapple, sliced and cored
Red onions, thinly sliced
Your favorite teriyaki sauce
(room temperature)
Whole wheat burger bun

- **I.** In a mixing bowl, combine the ground turkey, egg and Panko breadcrumbs. Form into patties, pressing firmly together. Grill until the internal temperature is 155 F.
- **2.** While the turkey is cooking, grill pineapple on both sides, just enough to warm pineapple but not to where it falls apart, about 2 minutes on each side.
- **3.** On the bottom half of the bun, place the

cooked turkey burger, pineapple slice and red onions. Drizzle with teriyaki sauce; add top bun.

#### **Grilled Bourbon Peaches**

Provided by Charles "Chuck" Burns for the April 2018 issue of *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*.

6 ripe peaches, pitted and halved

1 Tbsp. oil

1/4 cup Bulleit Bourbon

3/4 stick butter

2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

I tsp. vanilla extract

2/3 cup apple juice

Vanilla chocolate swirl ice cream

- **1.** Prepare grill for direct heat cooking and preheat.
- **2.** Brush the flesh side of the peaches with oil
- **3.** In a saucepan, on high heat, flambé the bourbon; add the butter, brown sugar, vanilla and apple juice.
- **4.** Simmer; let it turn to syrup.
- **5.** Remove from heat; let cool.
- **6.** Lay the peaches skin side down on the grill rack; cook for 2 minutes, or until charring starts. Turn over; cook for an additional 2 minutes.
- **7.** Remove the peaches from the grill; serve with ice cream and bourbon syrup.

#### Steak Balsamico

Provided by Cindy Pechal for the July 2016 issue of *EnnisNOW Magazine*.

2/3 cup balsamic vinaigrette 1/4 cup fig preserves

- 4 beef steaks, your choice of cut
- I tsp. ground sea salt
- I tsp. freshly ground pepper
- I 6.5-oz. container buttery garlic and herb spreadable cheese (Alouette suggested)
- **I.** Combine first two ingredients in a blender until smooth; pour into a shallow dish or large zip-top plastic freezer bag. Add steaks; marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
- **2.** Remove steaks; discard marinade. Grill over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes on each side, or to desired degree of doneness. Remove to serving platter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; cover to keep warm.
- **3.** Heat cheese spread in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring often until melted, 2-4 minutes. Serve cheese sauce in hollowed-out lemon halves with steaks.

#### BBQ Chicken-on-the-Grill

Provided by Caleb and Oliver Jackson for the July 2011 issue of *CorsicanaNOW Magazine*.

1/2 cup ketchup

- 1 Tbsp. mustard
- 1 Tbsp. molasses
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped (optional)
- 2 cups water
- 6 chicken breasts
- **I.** Make barbecue sauce by mixing together all ingredients, except water and chicken, in a bowl.
- **2.** Using aluminum foil, form a pan to fit the grill.
- **3.** Add water to the foil pan.
- **4.** Place chicken breasts in the aluminum pan.
- **5.** Close the grill lid; cook about 20 minutes.
- **6.** Open the lid and baste the chicken with barbecue sauce every 10-15 minutes, keeping the door closed until the chicken is done.
- **7.** Total cooking time is about 50 minutes.







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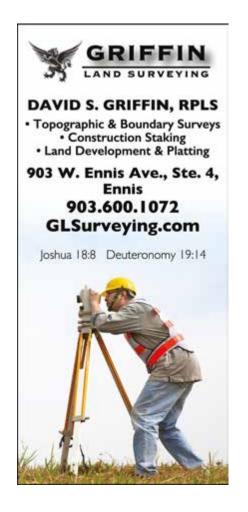
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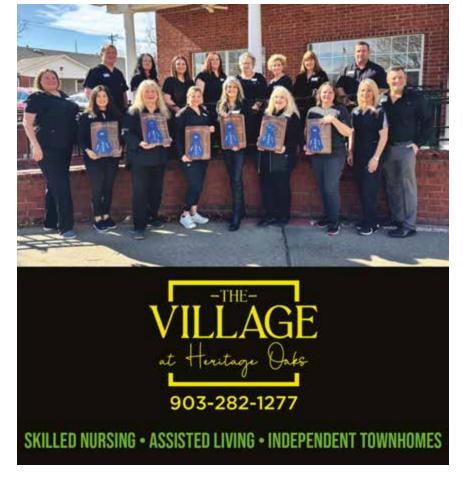
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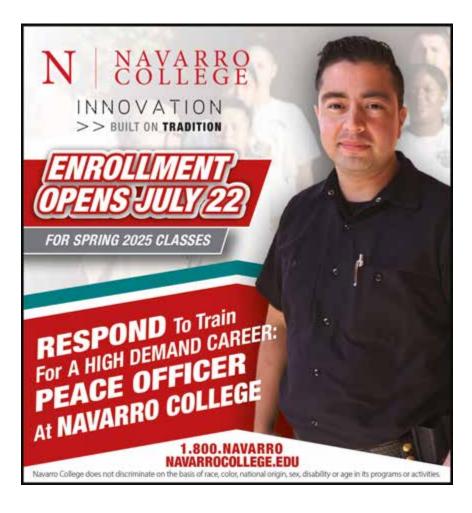
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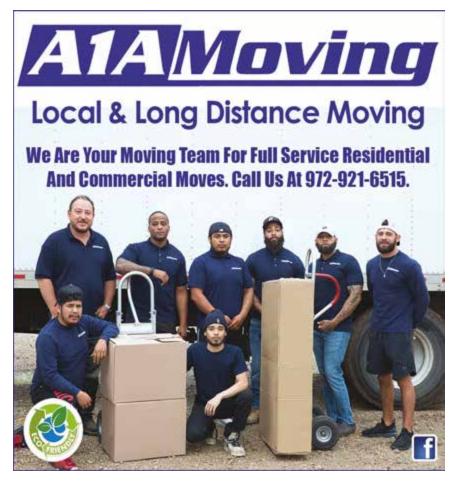














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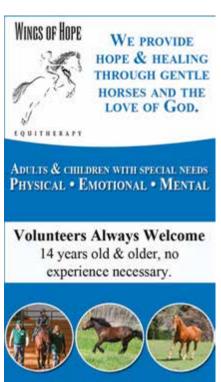
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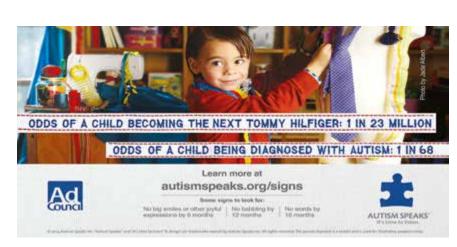
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Some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

#### 7/1-7/27

#### **Jester Park Pool:**

\$5 entry fee. Special events are listed on the parks and recreation website.

Wednesday-Saturday: 1:00-6:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m., 600 W. Park Ave. For more details, call (903) 654-4874.

#### **Bunert Park Pool:**

\$3 entry fee. Special events are listed on the parks and recreation website.

#### Wednesday-Saturday:

1:00-6:00 p.m., 201 Bunert Park Rd. For more information, call (903) 654-4874.

#### 7/1-7/31

#### Spray Parks:

Open daily. 10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m. (903) 654-4874.

#### 7/1-8/3

### Summer Reading Program:

Pick up a reading log, follow the directions for a chance at winning prizes. Also, join in the library's weekly summer fun at family movie time, kids' crafts, adults' book club, and LEGO free play. Calendar activities listed on their Facebook page and at the library's entry. Corsicana Public Library, 100 N. 12th St. (903) 654-4813.

#### 7/4

#### Freedom Festival:

Kids activities and live music by the Jade Flores Band begin: 6:00 p.m.; fireworks begin: 9:25 p.m., I.O.O.F. Park, 45th St. and Hwy. 22. For details, call (903) 654-4874.

#### 7/20

#### Fuel the Firefighters Benefit & Poker Run:

Proceeds to help fund the RC, Eureka, Kerens, Mildred and Southern Oaks VFDs. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Harbor Restaurant. www.fuelthefirefighters.com.

#### 8/10

#### Texas Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony Honoring G.W. Jackson:

10:00 a.m., G.W. Jackson Legacy Park at the corner of MLK Blvd. and S. 5th Street. Reception to follow at the Bethel AME Church, 105 N. 4th Street. www.visitcorsicana.com.

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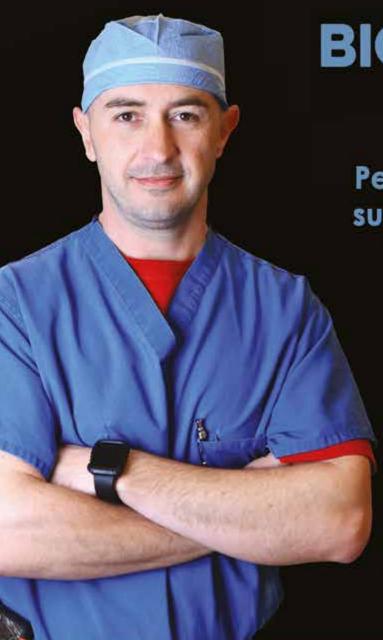
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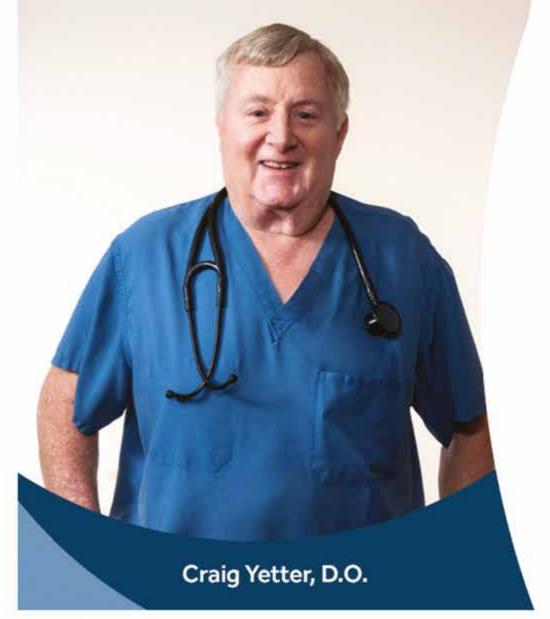
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