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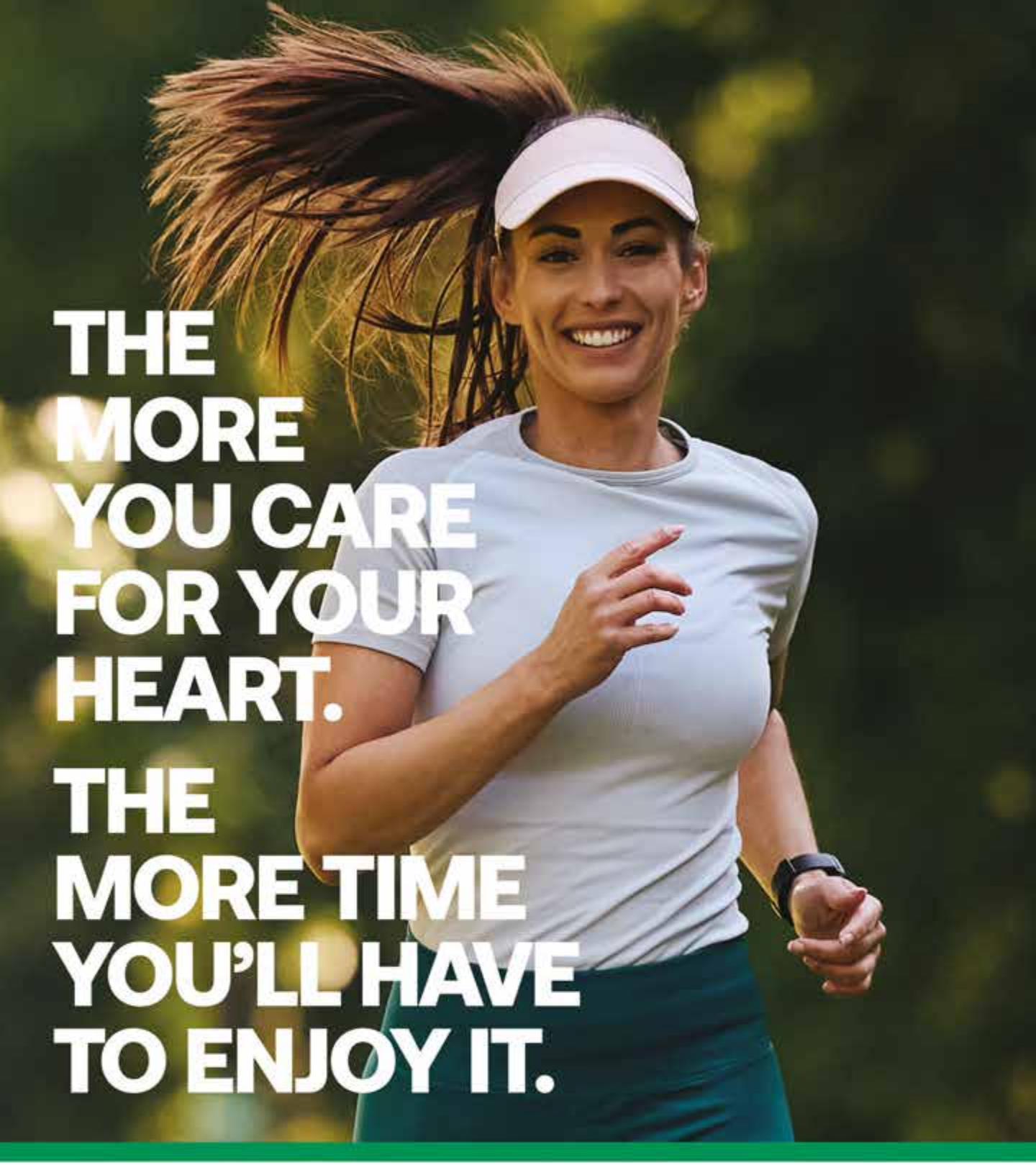

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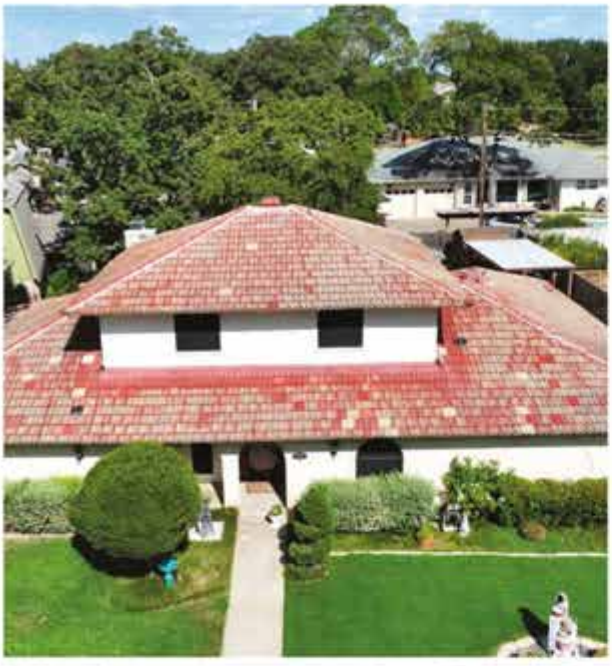

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Heavy Metal, Holy Fire

— By Angel Morris

What started as a casual conversation between friends in the pews of their local church has evolved into a promising fixture in the modern Christian metalcore scene. The band, Unbroken Reign, didn't set out with a grand manifesto to conquer the airwaves. They began with a simple, shared history and a guitar player's desire to create something entertaining.

Rhythm guitarist Lucas Boston and vocalist Ethan Reindl spearheaded the band. "We formed in late 2023. Lucas wanted to start a band just for fun," Ethan shared.

Vocalist Jackson Scott and drummer Nick Boston were invited to join, and bassist Caleb Reindl would eventually round out the group. The friends' first challenge was to pin down their style. "We grew up together at the same church, but we came from different musical backgrounds. Agreeing on a genre was difficult, and we eventually created our own sound inspired by all the music we listen to," Lucas shared.

While the band initially began by playing covers, it evolved into a full-time project with original music. "We've all gotten much better at our respective roles since the beginning," Jackson stated.

The band shares writing duty at Xenon Studios in Midlothian. "The instrumental demos we write get sent back and forth and edited for a little while, and vocals are recorded when the instrumental is finalized," Ethan noted.

Unbroken Reign's first full-length record, *THRONES*, was released on May 23, 2025. The album acted as a catalyst, catapulting them from a local Texas act to a band with a burgeoning fanbase. "It gained a lot of positive attention online, and brought us the fanbase that we have now," Caleb said. "Our collective favorite song on *THRONES* is 'In His Image,' the very last song. It's the most lyrically deep and passionate, and the most instrumentally interesting in our opinion."

The band considers the record's online reception as the turning point that brought their community together. While the album explores the grit of human existence — themes of resilience, struggle and the messy process of personal growth — it always points back to a central hope.

Beyond the studio walls, Unbroken Reign has become synonymous with high-energy live performances that bridge

the gap between a concert and a communal experience. One particular memory stands out: opening for fellow Christian metal heavyweights Bloodlines and Confessions of a Traitor. "It was the first time our audience formed a 'wall of death' in the mosh pit. The crowd was super responsive to our music, and it was a lot of fun," Nick stated.

Next up, the band said its goal is to "hit the road and bring the Gospel to as many people as possible."

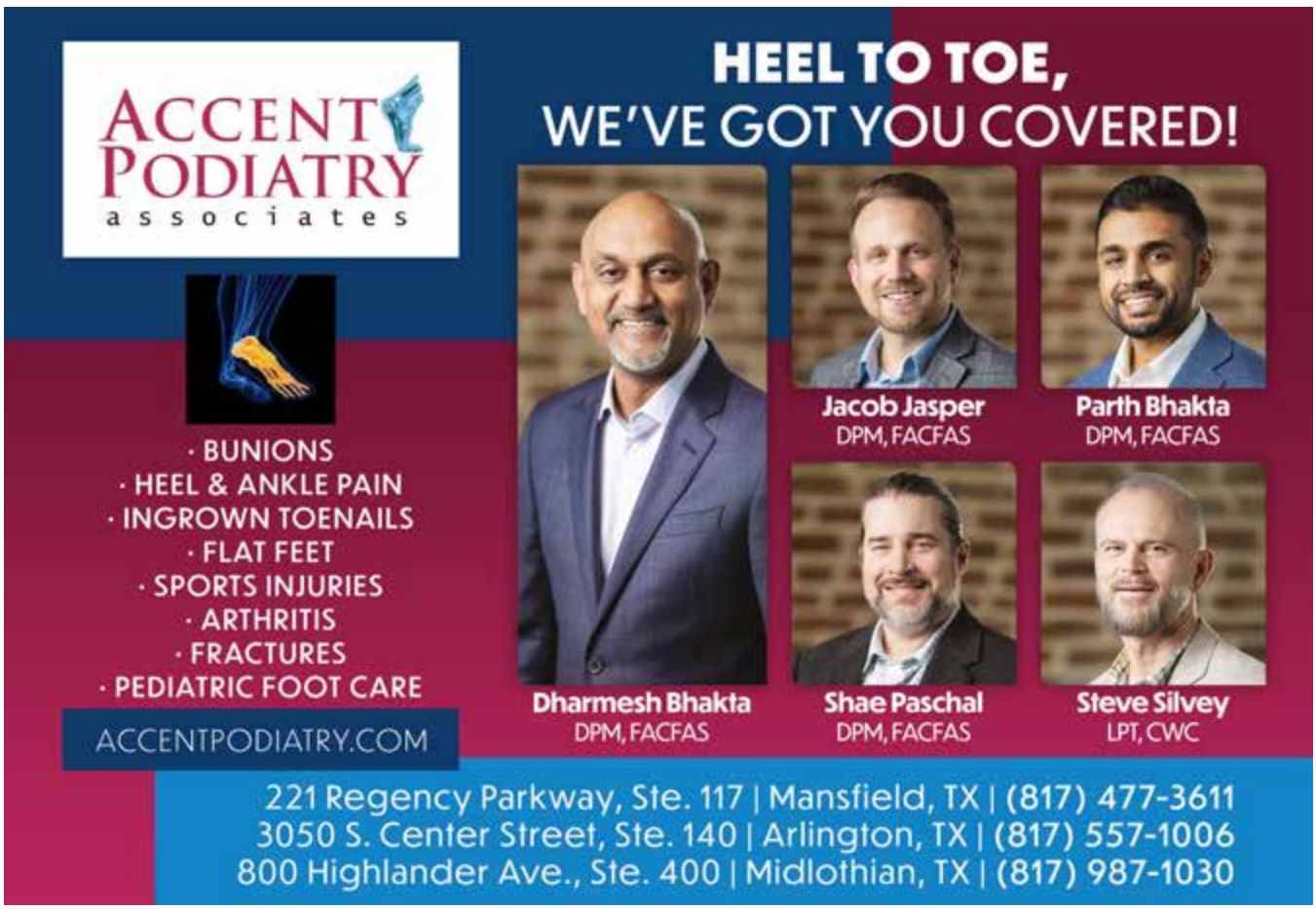
Despite their rising profile, the members remain grounded by their individual passions and the normal lives they lead in North Texas. Jackson finds his creative outlet in writing horror and gothic short stories, as well as navigating the fantasy worlds of Dungeons & Dragons and various video games. Ethan, on the other hand, looks toward the stars as a self-described "space nerd," while also lending his talents as a producer and videographer for other artists in the scene.

Lucas handles the logistical side of the band, managing media, PR and booking, all while staying connected to his love for sports. Meanwhile, Nick spends his free time immersed in the live music scene or watching football, and Caleb finds his rhythm at the gym, balancing the physical demands of performing with personal fitness.

Looking ahead, the horizon is bright and loud for Unbroken Reign. Their latest album, *The Sins We Keep Alive*, is currently available, marking a new chapter of vulnerability and sonic exploration. "This second record was definitely a landmark for the group," Lucas stated. "It taught us a lot about our writing process, and, ultimately, pushed us to a new level of songwriting and creative process."

Unbroken Reign's mission isn't just about the music. It's about the connection. Through social media and face-to-face interactions at shows, the band strives to show its gratitude for a fanbase that allows them to turn their passion into a calling.

Jackson shared that the support of the fans is what fuels the band's ability to live out their ultimate motto: "Everything you do, do it unto the Lord." NOW



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Zoomed In:
Aubree Snelus

By Angel Morris

Aubree Snelus spent much of her summer attending camp at Benbrook Stables. Benbrook Stables is an equestrian center offering trail rides, summer camps and riding lessons for riders of all levels. "I've always loved being around horses, and this was my first summer at riding camp," she shared.

Entering eighth grade this fall, Aubree enjoyed more trail rides as summer came to an end. The experience helped her discover her passion. "My dream after graduation," she said, "is to go to school to become an equine veterinarian."

Kissy Day, Midlothian Community Development board member, presents Harrison Dobbe with trophies for Biggest Fish and Bass Division Champion at the 15th Annual Kids Fishing Derby.

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By Angel Morris

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A freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in agriculture education, John serves as a Texas FFA state officer representing the Area VIII Association. "After graduation, I hope to become an agriscience teacher," he said. "After some years of teaching, I would like to become a professor teaching agriculture education."

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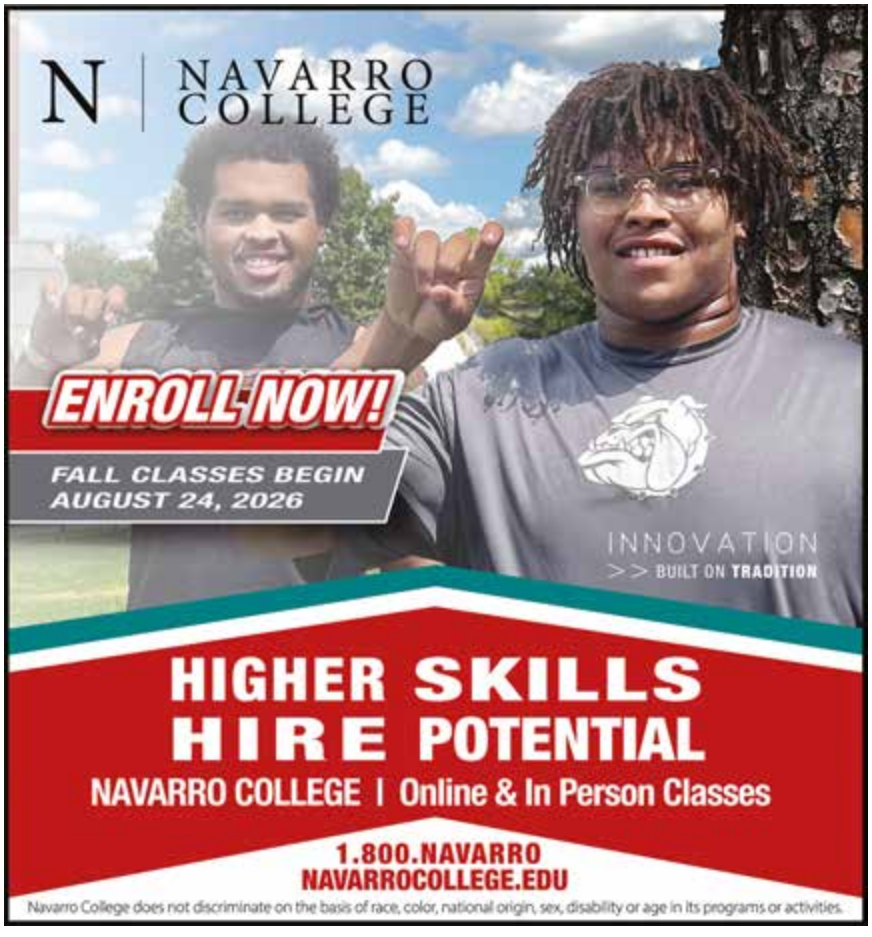
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6. Chill in the refrigerator for 15-20 minutes before serving for best flavor.

Lemon Herb Grilled Chicken Skewers

2 lbs. boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 Tbsp. fresh oregano, chopped
1 Tbsp. fresh thyme, chopped
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 red bell pepper, cut into chunks
1 yellow bell pepper, cut into chunks
1 red onion, cut into chunks

1. Place the chicken cubes in a large bowl.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice and garlic.
3. Add the oregano, thyme, salt and black pepper to the marinade.
4. Pour the marinade over the chicken cubes; toss to coat evenly.
5. Cover; refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours.
6. Soak wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes to prevent burning.
7. Thread the marinated chicken onto the skewers, alternating with chunks of red bell pepper, yellow bell pepper and red onion.
8. Preheat a grill to medium-high heat; oil the grates.
9. Grill the skewers for 10-12 minutes, turning occasionally, until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are slightly charred.
10. Remove from the grill; let rest for 3 minutes before serving.

Strawberry Sorbet

2 lbs. fresh strawberries, hulled and halved
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. lemon zest
Pinch of salt

1. Place the strawberries in a blender or food processor.
2. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar and water over medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves completely.
3. Remove the sugar syrup from the heat; let it cool for 10 minutes.
4. Pour the cooled syrup over the strawberries in the blender.
5. Add the lemon juice, lemon zest and salt.
6. Blend on high speed until completely smooth and no chunks remain.
7. Pour the mixture through a fine-mesh strainer to remove any seeds, if desired.
8. Transfer to a shallow container; freeze for 1 hour, then stir with a fork.
9. Continue freezing, stirring every 30 minutes, for 3-4 hours until the sorbet reaches a scoopable consistency.
10. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the freezer for up to 2 weeks.

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Dr. Allala graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry in 2016 and completed her Bachelor of Science from The University of Texas at San Antonio in 2012. Since opening her practice, she has built a loyal following of patients who have followed her from her previous office, drawn by her gentle approach and commitment to patient care.

What sets her practice apart is her advanced certification in Level 2 moderate sedation — a qualification most dentists do not have. This certification requires at least 60 hours of specialized instruction and successfully administering sedation to at least 20 patients under supervision. For patients who experience dental anxiety, this option can transform their experience, making procedures like extractions comfortable and stress-free.

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"We are not a corporation," Dr. Allala said. Unlike larger corporate dental practices, Serenity Advanced Dentistry remains independent, allowing Dr. Allala to focus on building genuine relationships with patients. All assistants are bilingual, ensuring Spanish-speaking patients feel comfortable and fully understand their treatment options.

Dr. Allala lives in DeSoto, just 10 minutes away from her office, keeping her deeply connected to the community she serves. She gives back by supporting the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter through monthly contributions, a cause close to her heart as a devoted pet lover. For families seeking personalized dental care in a welcoming, professional environment, Serenity Advanced Dentistry offers an alternative to corporate dental chains.

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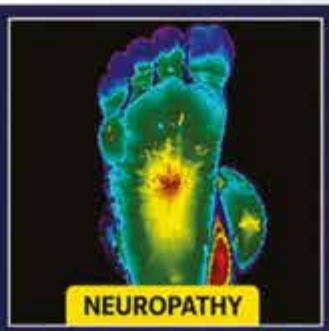

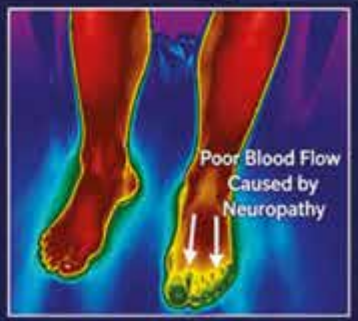

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