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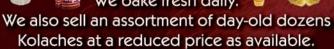


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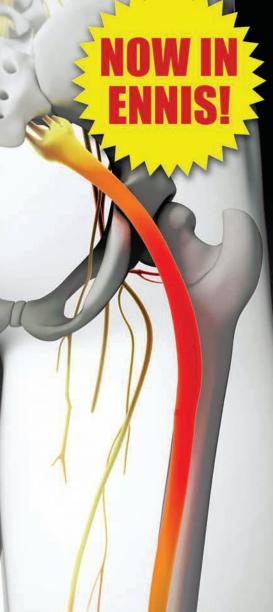
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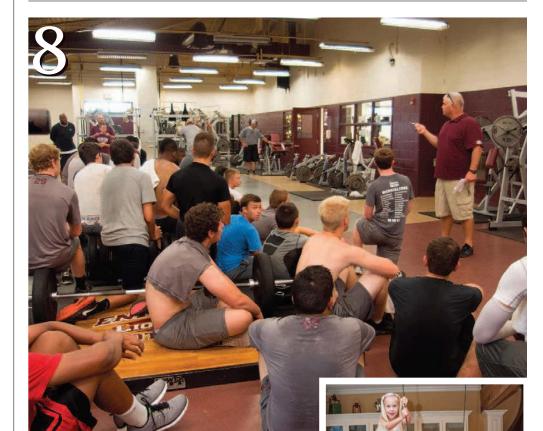
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Coach Jack Alvarez is ready to get the season started.

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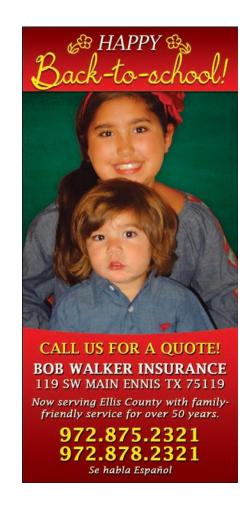
Wow! Another school year is about to begin. I can't remember where last year went in such a hurry. Like they say, you blink and it's gone. They, whoever they may be, are right. I feel like I was just reminding readers to slow down in the school zones and be respectful of the responsibility the crossing guards have as they make sure our youngest citizens get from point A to point B safely. But, in reality, it was a year ago.

Oh my goodness! What about the school bus drivers? We can't forget them. They, too, have an obligation to make

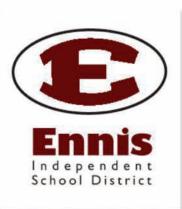
sure students get to school on time safely, long before the tardy bells ring. I'd like to tell each one of them how much their dedication and commitment to our future leaders means to me. They are such an important part of what makes Ennis great!

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EISD students have shown amazing achievements in all areas of school life.

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- EHS Senior, Chauncey Buckley, broke to finals at the 2nd Annual UIL Student Congress Competition held at the Texas State Capital.
- The EHS FFA Ag-Mechanics team built a 12' tandem axle smoker and competed against 249 other entries at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. The students brought home top honors with the Overall Reserve Grand Championship Prize.
- The 2014 State Champion Football team earned the Chevy Team of the Year award along with many state honors.
- · Alli Hoffman was a State Choir Qualifier.
- EHS Band earned its 50th UIL Sweepstakes Award: All State Symphony: Ross Mitchell-EHS trumpet player.
- The Science Technology Engineer Mathematics Team (STEM) competed in the National competition. They took 11th place overall. Excellent results for their first year.
- Ennis ISD's archery team did well at State and advanced to the National archery competition. The 3D archery team advanced to World.
- Boys Track State Qualifiers: 4x1 or sprint relay Davante Edwards, Devin Smith, Desten Johnson, and Dee Wilson.
- Girls State Track Qualifier: Katherine Stuckly High Jump.
- · Powerlifting State Qualifier: DeAnthony Lane.
- Team Tennis were Regional Qualifiers.
- The Softball team won district while ending an impressive year as regional finalists.
- The Technology Student Association (TSA) Competition team advanced to Nationals.

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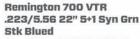
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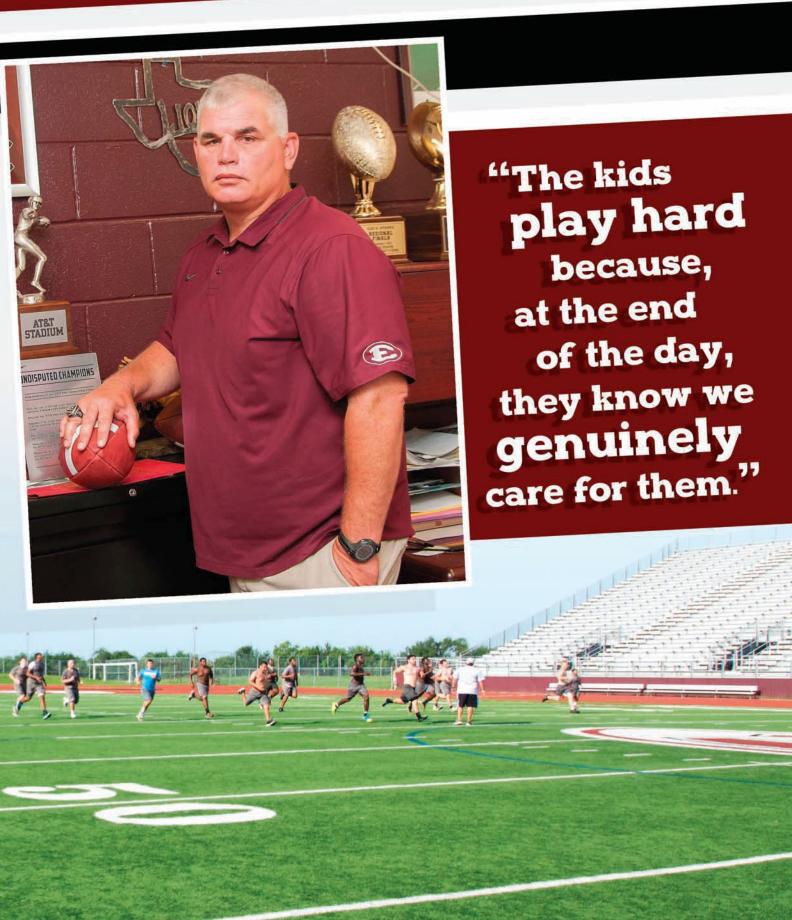
Back to school means Friday night lights, dedicated fans and high school football at its finest. In Ennis, it means the next season for the 2014 State Champions begins as they take to the field under the leadership of Head Football Coach Jack Alvarez. The successful strategy for Coach Alvarez will remain the same. "We will take one step and one game at a time," he said, referring to his coaching style. "And we can always take one step back, if we need to, in order to fix something and get it right."

This year promises a much tougher schedule than last year, but Coach Alvarez and his assistant coaches - Brandon Alvarez, Hank Hollywood, Steve Morrow, Nathan Moye, Andrew Novak, Monte Reagor, Macy Thompson and Jake Willingham — are ready for the challenge. The full roster this season offers many opportunities for the team as a collective whole. "The numbers [of players] are better than ever," Coach Alvarez shared. There are over 200 young men signed up to play at the high school level, with another 200-plus who plan to suit up at the junior high level. "The large numbers are a recipe for success in the football program," he added.

Spring ball practice came to an end in May. "This was four weeks and 18 practices," Coach Alvarez explained. "It was a good trade for one full week in the fall. It gave us a firm foundation to stand on." As summer began, the team participated in early morning workouts that led to the Summer Pride Weight Conditioning program. The football camp will once again be held this year from August 3-5. Coaches teach the camp, but many of the high school football team members "hang out" to help. It builds self-esteem in the camp attendees, while continuing to build Lion pride in the players. Year-round conditioning is not uncommon. It's part of most high school football programs.

On August 10, the Ennis Lions will hit the practice fields for two-a-days. The coaching staff will begin their job — teaching the young athletes the importance of success on *and* off the field. "Of course, we want to win every game," Coach Alvarez said, "but our main goal is to build good citizens." Coach Alvarez and his staff want to see













these young men graduate with a high school education, work hard, care for their families as they grow into adulthood and be successful members of society. "It's about teaching character and work ethic," he reiterated.

The work ethic and "something more" attitude Coach Alvarez lives by were learned by a previous coach he once had in high school. "I do my best to lead by example. As long as we as coaches are willing to be real, the guys will respect us," he explained. "The kids play hard because, at the end of the day, they know we genuinely care for them."

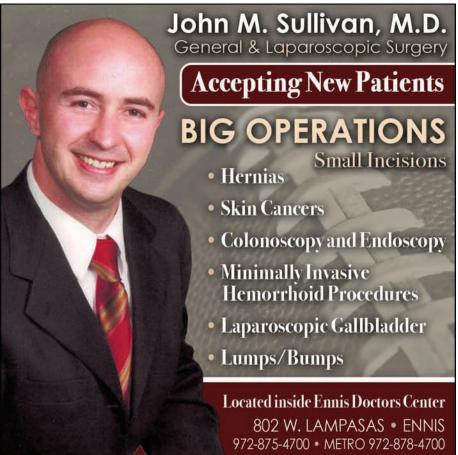


His humble nature comes to the forefront when he talks about wins and losses. "Anytime we win, the team gets full credit for that win," he admitted. "It's all on me when we lose."

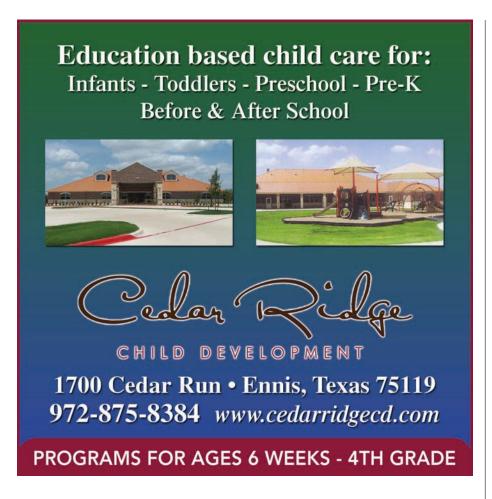
Beginning his fourth year at Ennis High School, Coach Alvarez looks back on what initially brought him to this place in life. As a young athlete, he remembers participating in any sport offered. "But, I put my best effort into football," he said.

After graduating from high school, Coach Alvarez earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. While in college, he was a two-year captain and a four-year letterman in football, where he continued to excel at the sport he still loves today. He went from coaching at West Sabine High School to Kirbyville High School, where for 10 years he served as the head football coach and athletic director. When he took over the Kirbyville program, the football team had not won a game in over two years. Coach Alvarez, along with his staff and team, took the program to nine consecutive play-off runs.

His record with the Ennis Lions speaks for itself. His first year, the team was named the 4A Division 2 Bi-district Finalist. It was the first playoff appearance they had made in five years. Just a short two years later, he experienced what every high school coach dreams about when they first









set out on a coaching career — the State Championship. As he's getting comfortable in this, his fourth year, he vividly recalls that win. "I've coached in two other championship games and lost both," he said. "To lose is the worst feeling, but to win is the greatest feeling. It was worth the wait."

The road to the championship game last year wasn't easy, but the hard work and dedication the team showed throughout definitely paid off. Win or lose, Coach Alvarez knew the kids played with their whole hearts. "They wanted that win," he said. "All year, they had been on a relentless pursuit. All I had to do was get them to the game."

As the new school year gets underway, Coach Alvarez has high hopes for the team. Key players returning on offense include: Trey Elliott, Dee Wilson, Sam Grayson, Trendon Rolen, Devin Collins, Kyle Casas and Andy Corea. Returning defensive players include: Adam Glaspy, Jaylen Hill, Logan Lipscomb, Marcus Monroe, Tori Williams and Jordan Wester. "These players have experience," he stated. "They have 'skins on the wall."

Coach Alvarez also realizes the success of the Ennis Lions football program doesn't happen with the team and its coaches alone. He understands that it also takes a village to win championship games. "We couldn't do what we do without the support of the Ennis ISD administration, the booster club, the marching band, the drill team, the cheerleaders and, of course, the fans," he said. He mentioned several who are die-hard Ennis Lions football fans -Gary Fincher; Bob Taylor; Bill Cox; Rosemary Washburn; and the team chaplain, Pastor Todd. "Each one of these groups and each one of these people is important," he continued. "They enhance the atmosphere."

The young men that take the field under the Friday night lights will have one thing in common. They are a team that helps one another, believes in one another and is supportive of one another. When one hurts, they all hurt. When one is triumphant, they all feel the thrill of victory. "We are going into the new season with a sense of urgency," Coach Alvarez said. "We are controlled in our efforts, and we are focused on the job ahead." NOW

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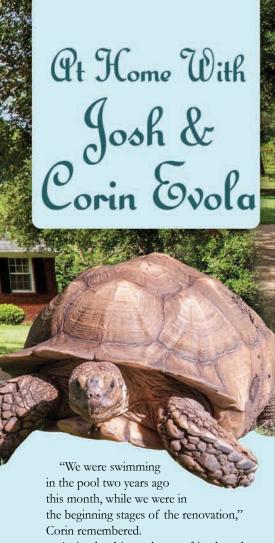
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Josh was born in New York but grew up in Israel. With an uncle living in Mansfield, Texas, his family decided to move to Dallas. Today, Josh and his brother, of Italian/Israeli descent, are co-owners of









Tuscan Slice Italian restaurants located in Waxahachie, Greenville, Sherman and Tyler. He is also a licensed real estate agent with Hi View Real Estate. "I really enjoy Ennis' small-town atmosphere and getting to know everyone," Josh stated. The family moved from Telico to Ennis, so they already knew the area, had a wonderful church family and felt at home.

Corin describes herself as "an all-natural girl." She hails from California, where her family still lives. Following high school, Corin spent three years with Teen Mania, a mission ministry, traveling to several countries including: Canada, Mexico, Panama and Africa. In 2001, she went back home only to return to Texas within

a matter of months to work with a church plant. In May 2002, Corin was getting sign quotes for the new church property and met Josh through "the sign guy," his uncle, who invited them both to a Shabbat service at his congregation. "It was like a scene from a movie. Josh blew the shofar in the service, and we danced Israeli dances. The next day, I called home and told my mom that I had just met the guy I was going to marry," Corin remembered. A year later, they were married.

In December 2009, Corin graduated from El Centro's nursing program and became an ICU nurse at Charlton Methodist Medical Center. She's now on sabbatical enjoying her "favorite job









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and high calling — being a mom!" with daughters, 4-year-old Orelle Shine and almost 2-year-old Sarina Rain. "Orelle's name means 'light of God' and Sarina's name is a derivative of the biblical name Sarah, meaning 'one who laughs and abundant blessing," Corin said. The couple is excitedly expecting their third child at the end of this year. "It's been a busy past four years for us," Corin explained. "We have opened three restaurants, had children, bought and remodeled this house, Josh has gotten his real estate license, and I became a presenter for Younique and a Juice Plus franchisee."

Their home is still a work in progress. "The home's bones were good," Josh said. The couple tore out the carpeting and removed several walls, so the home has a much more open layout. They painted the home and redid the pool area and fencing. Josh built a flagstone deck and "The River of Life" rock waterfall and stream in the backyard. They have used contract labor only when needed, doing much of the work themselves.

Chickens occupy a coop near a shelter for a very large tortoise, all of which are guarded by Fetchie, the family's Poodle. Corin and the girls have vegetables and flowers growing in pots. "The girls love being outside," Corin revealed.

The former living room has been converted into an old-fashioned looking school/art room/office with its fireplace and antique student desks, as well as refurbished furniture from Corin's childhood. She is homeschooling their children. "The girls are so much fun. I am so happy I can stay at home as Josh works about 16 jobs," she quipped.

Cooking central happens in their massive kitchen, with its bookend dining areas and main living area that overlooks the pool. The support beams are wrapped in old wood fencing, bringing beauty and warmth

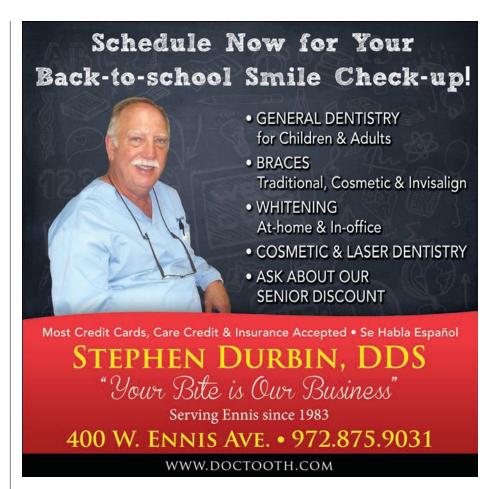
to the room. Josh's hunting trophies are displayed above the comfortable seating area on more recycled wooden fencing, and a toddler's swing hangs from a high support beam. A large copper farm sink is bordered in a design that matches the vent hood over a 1950's era commercial stove and grill. The countertops once resided in Troy Aikman's home, and the pot filler completes the restaurant-style kitchen. "We love the warm, country look. The countertop reminds us of a river bottom," Josh said. The couple leans toward organic and is in a fresh food, whole grain and raw milk co-op. Josh, through his hunting, supplies most of the family's meat.

A dining set, once belonging to Josh's grandmother, is in the informal dining area near built-in cabinets on which a butter churn and paddles from Corin's grandmother's kitchen sit. Corin's collection of Bible verse plates hangs nearby. The formal dining table is from Corin's childhood. She likes to quilt on this long table and in the nearby laundry/sewing room. The runner on this table was Corin's first quilting project. A nearby quilt was made by Corin and her mother from Corin's grandmother's collection of T-shirts from travel destinations.

The two-way pool room that overlooks the pool and houses a pool table is located just past the under-the-stairs guest bath. Duck trophies fly across the wall. "Once, when duck hunting with Josh, I shot two ducks with one shot," Corin laughingly recalled. "I used to study while sitting in a hunting blind."

The former master bath is now a changing room, and a toy closet is tucked under the stairs that elegantly leads to second floor bedrooms. Window seats grace what will become the girls' bedroom, guest room and future boys' room. A gallery catwalk lined with bookcases leads to the master bedroom, bath and the nursery, which is right off the master. "We wanted to keep our babies right here," Corin said.

The girls' birthday parties, shared with family and friends, and informal cookouts and gatherings, are this couple's fondest memories to date in this home they've created and furnished with photos, antiques and Corin's sunflower painting that tells of their love of family, adventure, cooking and the outdoors. Many more shared memories are to come. NOW



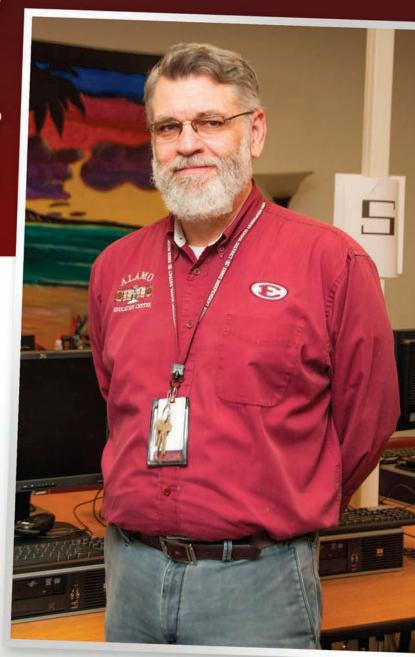




the Way

Teaching is not what James Steele planned to do for his career. A teacher was not what he wanted to be when he grew up. It is, however, where he ended up after the recession in 2008 left him laid off and struggling to find work as a business systems analyst. Now, teaching is not only his career but his passion in life. "I love what I do," James beamed. "When a person loves what they do, it's not really like work at all."

After many years in corporate America, James began substituting all over Ennis ISD for work. He quickly discovered how much he enjoyed it, which motivated him to seek out an alternative certification program. Eventually, he was hired as a paraprofessional, but he unexpectedly received a phone call in the fall of 2009 concerning the district's brand new Horizons Program. Knowing that teaching was his calling, he eagerly took the job.



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due to frequent moves, significant family changes and major life-altering situations. Because the curriculum is self-paced, students can work independently and individually, focusing on their strengths and improving their weaknesses. Additionally, students work in small and large groups to reinforce and extend the material that's covered. By providing an environment of success for all students, both levels of the program aim to reduce the dropout rates and improve overall student success.

James works exclusively with the junior high level at Alamo Education Center.











This year will be his sixth year as an educator, which is something he's pleased about. At the end of every year when administration delivers his contract for the following year, he has a student take his picture signing the document ensuring another year of employment doing what he loves. "I'm always thrilled they want me back," James smiled, "so I make a big deal about it."

The past five years have presented many moments of great reward for James although, at times, it has also proven to be a challenge. Since the first year of operation, he has implemented his business system analyst skills to develop more effective filtering methods in order to select the students the program would work best for. Each year, about 20 to 25 students express interest in the program, but with a cap of only 15 students per class, careful consideration and evaluation of each student is crucial. "The first year, the students had already been selected by the school," James recalled. "Since then, the program has really evolved. It's come a long way."

James has also added a variety of personal touches in the classroom including his sarcastic sense of humor, an accepting approach and a genuine interest in students. One of the benefits of having such a small class is the opportunity to truly get to know each student, what they deal with outside of school and, essentially, what makes them tick. This enables him to reach his students in important and meaningful



ways. "We're together from breakfast until they're getting on the bus to go home at the end of the day," he said.

In the weekly one-on-one meetings, he talks with students, encouraging them to reflect on the past week's work and set goals for the next week. He also makes it a point to ask about their lives and listen when they open up. In general, some of the students in the program have had life experiences off the median in comparison to typical eighth- or ninth-graders. "I never know what to expect," James admitted. "My goal is to help them learn to cope better with life through small successes and by building strong relationships."

Accepting students for who they are, where they come from and what they're dealing with is something James prides himself in. "I can't say I can relate to every kid's situation, but I make it a point to look at what it will take to get them to the best person they can be," he explained. As a selfproclaimed optimistic-skeptic, his expectations are rooted in reality, yet he never passes up the opportunity to offer positive reinforcement and words of encouragement. "I try to give them little successes throughout the year because they may have never truly had that kind of success before," he explained. "Some of them see failure as life, so normalizing success even in the smallest of ways helps them to see their potential. It helps them understand success isn't a thing, it's something they can be."









By interacting in small bits, James helps students be and realize they are successful. His primary objective is to show them how to learn for themselves. "Learning to learn is so important in life. When I hear one of them saying, 'Remember what Mr. Steele said?' when they help one another tells me what I'm doing is working," James said. "Every 'Aha!' moment for them is so rewarding for me."

As part of the curriculum, James teaches the core subjects of English, language arts, math, science and social studies, plus electives for eighth and ninth grade. Essentially, he teaches two complete grade levels in one school year to get students where they need to be. This requires plenty of preparation and planning on his behalf, which is something he does practically nonstop. "I'm constantly planning and thinking about my students and how I can best help them," he said. "I want to do everything I can to help them move forward in their lives and in the world."

Whether it's written in his contract or not, part of Mr. Steele's job is to help students find their way. He guides them through tough curriculum and offers them structure and reinforcement to help them build confidence and overcome obstacles. He helps them realize their potential and capabilities. "If I can look back in 10 years and see my students living successful lives, then my little piece of the puzzle is in place," James beamed. "I really love what I do." And because of that, James does far more than teach. He helps his students find their way and change their lives, and in the process, he just so happened to find his own way, too. NOW





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— By Virginia Riddle

An interest in science and a natural ability to fix and build things during his youth led Dr. Kevin Williams into the field of medicine, with a specialty in orthopedic surgery. "I wanted to enter a field of medicine in which I could have a lot of interaction with patients who are, for the most part, healthy except for an orthopedic problem," Dr. Williams explained.

Orthopedic medicine covers such medical problems as: musculoskeletal trauma, sports injuries, degenerative diseases, infections, tumors and congenital disorders. Dr. Williams specializes in sports medicine, knee and shoulder problems, carpal tunnel syndrome and sports injuries. He treats patients as early as age 5, starting with the usual childhood broken bones

through older adult ages that may require shoulder and/or knee replacements. "A joy of my orthopedic practice is seeing my patients realize satisfactory, immediate results. I make sure my patients and their families are treated the way I would like to be treated," Dr. Williams said.

Dr. Williams earned his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1994. His internship and residency were served at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. He is licensed by the state of Texas to practice medicine and has done so in Ennis since 2005. Dr. Williams is associated with the Ennis Doctors Center and has hospital privileges at Baylor Surgicare at Ennis and Dallas

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Medical Center, where he serves as the chief of orthopedic surgery. His support staff is trained to offer quality and expedited care and offers bilingual English/Spanish translation services.

Many of the major medical insurance policies available to patients are accepted along with Medicare and Medicaid (children only). Dealing with the many changes in medical insurance is a challenge, but the staff is trained to handle insurance claims smoothly for patients.

A doctor's knowledge and experience are important to a patient when choosing an orthopedic surgeon, and Dr. Williams has both to offer. Trust between patient and doctor is critical. "I have 15 years of experience in my medical practice and have done thousands of successful surgeries," he said. "If you take your car to a mechanic to be repaired, you want to know that he or she has the knowledge and experience to do the job right the first time. You ask how long they have been in business. Looking for those attributes in an orthopedic surgeon should be even more important."

Dr. Williams is married to Amanda Williams, a native of Ennis. His solo practice with its volume of patients doesn't leave him a lot of spare time, but this stepfather of 10-year-old daughter, Cheyenne, and father of 1-year-old twin boys, Liam and Devin, treasures time with his family. "I like the small-town atmosphere of Ennis. Everyone has been very welcoming, and my practice got very busy very quickly," Dr. Williams said.

The Williamses support the Ennis Boys & Girls Club and make donations and provide sponsorships to many worthy programs in the area. A display of signed football helmets and balls in Dr. Williams' office testifies to his love of sports and the athletes he treats, as well as his monetary contributions to fundraisers.

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It's unfortunate but true: The elderly population is targeted for financial abuse or exploitation. In fact, by some estimates, this type of targeted abuse results in billions of dollars in losses each year. If you have elderly parents, what signs should you watch for to determine their vulnerability? And what can you do to help protect your parents from being victimized?

In regard to the first question — signs of vulnerability — the most important thing to watch for is your parents' mental state. As you know, many people go through their entire lives with their faculties intact, but even if this is the case with your parents, you still may want to be on guard against them falling prey to unscrupulous operators. And if you have noticed your parents becoming forgetful, confused, overly agitated or showing any other signs of possibly diminished mental capacity, you may want to be particularly vigilant for the appearance of financial irregularities.

If you don't think your parents are, as yet, victims of fraud or abuse, you can take steps to help protect them. Most importantly, maintain constant communication with them, and be aware of what's going on in their lives. Also, consider the following actions:

• Advise parents on precautionary measures. Suggest to your parents that they take several common-sense steps to avoid financial scams. For example, urge them to never give personal information over the phone or in response to emails. Since these types of requests are the most common methods used to perpetrate scams, encourage your parents to put all such solicitations — as well as requests for money — in the "trash" folder. Also, ask your parents to remove paper mail promptly from their mailbox. Resourceful identity thieves have been known to steal mail and extract key pieces of personal information from financial statements or correspondence from Social Security. And if your parents don't already have a paper shredder, present one to them as a gift — and

show them how to use it to delete old statements, credit card offers and similar documents.

- Check for legal documents. Your parents, like everyone, should have a will and a durable power of attorney. These documents will enable someone they trust implicitly to handle their finances if they can't. Discussing these types of issues with your parents may not be easy, but it's certainly important.
- Review parents' situation regularly. Many parents are not comfortable sharing the specifics of their financial situation with their adult children. Yet, as much as you can, try to periodically review your parents' insurance, banking and investment statements. These meetings give you good opportunities to look for irregularities or suspicious activities, such as significant changes in their spending patterns, unusual cash withdrawals or transfers from their bank accounts or sudden transfers of assets to a relative or someone outside of the family.
- Know the professionals. Your parents may not be totally at ease involving you with their financial and tax advisors. However, using your discretion, see if you can accompany your parents when they meet with their advisors. If these people are legitimate professionals, they will not object to your interest in your parents' affairs. In fact, they should welcome it.

Your parents have done a lot for you. You can help repay them by doing your part to help protect them from threats to their financial security.

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Summer Survival 101

If this summer holds true to form, it will only get hotter and the risk for heat-related illness will correspondingly rise. So, maybe a refresher on heat injuries is in order to identify the signs and symptoms of serious problems and to develop a swift plan of action.

First, let's review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data for mortality rates from heat injury. During the period 1993-2003, there were 3,442 deaths in which heat exposure was a significant contributing factor. Of that number, two-thirds were men, one-third were women and more than half occurred in the 15-64 age range. Extreme heat often exacerbates underlying medical conditions, particularly cardiovascular disease. Hence, those with a history of heart disease should be particularly careful for the next couple of months.

Physicians identify two primary forms of heat stress. Heat exhaustion is characterized by muscle cramps, dizziness, nausea (and sometimes vomiting), fatigue and headache. In this condition the person retains their ability to regulate their body temperature. Therefore, their skin is cool and wet from sweat. Their pulse is typically fast and breathing is shallow and rapid. In this condition, the key is to get the individual out of the heat and proceed with drinking large volumes of fluids. Some experts will suggest alternating sports drinks with water in order to replenish electrolytes, but water should always be the primary replacement

fluid. The person should remain in the cool environment until all of the above symptoms have fully resolved.

Inadequately managed heat exhaustion can deteriorate into the more serious form of heat stress known as heat stroke. These individuals will have lost their ability to regulate their temperature through sweating, and their skin will be hot and dry. Their temperature will often reach 103 F, and their pulse will often be very rapid and strong. Headaches, nausea, confusion and eventual loss of consciousness will occur. Heat stroke is a true medical emergency with a high mortality rate. EMS should be called with transfer to an acute care facility as soon as possible. Treatment will consist of rapid IV fluid administration and rapid body cooling.

Obviously, intentional prevention measures should be exercised to prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Timed rehydration every hour or two will decrease the probability of dehydration. Those with heart disease or other serious medical conditions should avoid work outside after noon. Long sleeves and long pants are preferable if breathable fabric is used because they keep the sun off of bare skin and retain sweat, which enhances cooling. Frequent breaks with checks for signs of heat exhaustion will hopefully prevent serious injury. So, be smart, be safe and enjoy the summer!

Larry A. Jinks, M.D., F.A.C.P. Ennis Doctors Center



Calendar

Through October 31

Ennis Farmers Market: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., located in historic downtown at 100 N. Dallas St.

August 1

Dodge for a Cause, Dodgeball for a Cause Benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, First Annual Dodgeball Tournament: 8:00 a.m., Ellis County Expo Center, 2300 W. Hwy 287, Waxahachie. Contact Jaime Green at (469) 248-4512 for more information.

August 1, 7, 8

Ruthless! The Musical: 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Ennis Public Theatre, 2705-C N. Kaufman. For more information or to order tickets, call (972) 878-7529 or visit info@ennispublictheatre.com.

August 7

Summer Moonlight Movies: *The Lego Movie*: 9:00 p.m., downtown Waxahachie. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Concession stand on-site. For more information, call (469) 309-4111.

August 8

Movies In The Park- Planes: Fire &

Rescue: dusk, Hawkins Spring Park, 1498 FM 1387, Midlothian. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and snacks/drinks. The concession stand will be open.

August 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30

TheatreRocks! Presents *Southern Comforts*: 505 N.W. Main St. Call (972) 878-5126 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday curtain times.

September 12

Ennis Chamber of Commerce Auction: Casino Royale: Sokol Hall, 2622 E. Hwy 34. For more information, call (972) 878-2625.

September 20

12th Annual Bridal Extravaganza: Noon-4:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center. Currently accepting vendor applications. The event will also feature a trunk show and sale. For more information, call (469) 309-4040.

Ongoing:

Third Mondays

Ellis County Aggie Moms meeting: 7:00 p.m., Waxahachie First United Methodist

Church, 505 W. Marvin, Waxahachie. For more information, visit www.elliscountyaggiemoms.org.

Fourth Mondays

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County meeting: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 Grand Ave.

Second Tuesdays

Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369 meeting: dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 209 N. Dallas St. For more information, contact Cecil Curry at ccurry_98@yahoo.com.

Third Tuesdays

Veterans Networking Group meeting: 5:00 p.m., Ryan's Steak House, Hwy 287 Bypass and 77. Call Mike Lamb at (214) 763-0378 for more information.

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In the Kitchen With Paula Hardin

— By Virginia Riddle

A passion for cooking began for Paula Hardin when she was about 8 years old. Watching her grandmother, Inez Lyons, Paula was inspired to learn how to make cakes, biscuits, bread pudding and old-fashioned, Southern-style foods. "I love to watch people take a bite of what I've created while putting love into it, and they then find it pleasurable to eat," Paula said.

Today, Paula is I.O.O.F. Nursing Home's food service director. She also puts her cooking skills to good use as an event planner and caterer. "I find recipes in out-of-date cookbooks, take them apart, and make them my own my adding different spices and other ingredients," Paula explained. NOW

Bread Pudding With Rum Sauce

Bread Pudding:

3 large eggs

1/2 cup milk

1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 Tbsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 cup butter, melted

1/2 cup brown sugar

2 cups sugar

I loaf bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

Sauce:

1/2 pint heavy whipping cream

1 8-oz. can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

1/3 cup brown sugar

2 shots rum (if desired)

I. For bread pudding: Preheat oven to 375 F. In a large mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add

milk, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, butter and both sugars; mix well.

2. Lightly blend bread cubes into wet mixture until all bread is coated.

3. Coat baking dish lightly with nonstick spray; pour mixture into dish.

4. Bake for 45 minutes, or until bread is firm and golden brown.

5. For sauce: In a small pan, combine whipping cream, condensed milk and brown sugar.

6. Over low to medium heat, bring sauce to a boil, stirring occasionally to prevent burning.

7. While sauce is boiling, add rum; stir on low heat letting mixture simmer for about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; allow sauce to slightly cool. Pour over bread pudding; serve.

Cajun Shrimp Pasta Salad

1 lb. shrimp2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. Cajun seasoning

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 lb. spaghetti noodles, boiled and drained

2 small tomatoes, diced

I large cucumber, diced

I bell pepper, diced

4 bacon slices, cooked

I 16-oz. bottle Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper Fresh parsley

1. Sauté shrimp in olive oil; add Cajun seasoning and minced garlic.

2. In a mixing bowl, combine shrimp and pasta; refrigerate while dicing vegetables.

3. Add vegetables, bacon, dressing, salt and pepper.

4. Garnish with parsley, refrigerate for 1 hour before serving.

Savory Pot Roast

I tsp. salt

I tsp. black pepper

1 Tbsp. seasoned meat tenderizer

1 Tbsp. onion powder

1 Tbsp. garlic salt

3 lbs. boneless chuck roast

2 Tbsp. vegetable oil

Roasting cooking bag

1/2 cup potatoes, quartered

1/2 cup carrots, quartered

I cup celery, diced

I cup onions, thinly sliced

3 garlic cloves, minced

1. Mix all seasonings well; rub chuck roast on both sides with seasoning.

2. In a frying pan, heat vegetable oil; sear chuck roast on both sides.

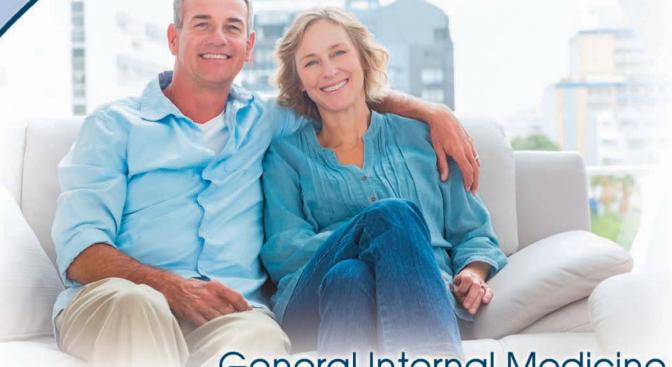
3. Put meat, all vegetables and garlic into roasting cooking bag.

4. Cook in oven at 350 F for 3-4 hours, or until roast is tender.

5. Let roast rest for 15 minutes; slice and plate.

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