## Get to Know Dr. Jeffrey Womble

When did you know you wanted to be a doctor? I always wanted to be a doctor. I decided to be a surgeon, though, when I realized I wanted to be Hawkeye Pierce from the TV show "M\*A\*S\*H". Seriously, like him, I wanted to see that I was making an immediate difference.

What was your first job? My dad was an accountant, so I worked with him doing bookkeeping and office work.



What's something people might not know about you? I'm bishop of my Ward for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I enjoy off-roading and rock crawling – I usually take to the terrain in my souped-up Toyota FJ. I also like working with my hands, so I enjoy mechanic work and woodworking in my spare time.

Will you share a fun, random fact about yourself? I met my wife, Jeana, while in the marching band at Brigham Young University. We both played trombone. My wife is amazing and still loves music – she's the director of Craig's Sweet Adeline's Chorus, which is a female barbershop-style chorus. We've been married 19 years.

**Describe a perfect day.** Now that we have three vehicles, I'd take my family rock crawling and have lunch on the trail. We have five kids: Tim, 17; Emily, 15;



A general surgeon at The Memorial Hospital for six years, Dr. Jeffrey Womble's credentials and experience make him a seasoned and well-respected doctor. At the same time, his life experiences and character make him a good neighbor, friend and community member. Jessica, 9; Natalie, 6; and Zack, 3. Tim has his own off-roading vehicle that he drives to school. Emily is interested in off-roading now, too.

Do you have a professional moment of which you are most proud? I've been practicing in Craig for six years. I enjoy taking care of trauma patients. One particular day I had two trauma patients come in after separate accidents and had to do the same surgery twice in less than 24 hours. I removed two spleens that day. It was exciting, fast paced and I made an immediate impact.

Why did you choose TMH? I grew up in a small Texas town. I always knew—no matter where I was—my parents could find me with a few phone calls. I knew I wanted to live someplace like that to raise my family. My wife and I both love the mountains, so we concentrated my job search to small towns along the Rockies. TMH and Craig were the perfect fit.

**Do you have a message for the Craig community?** My family and I enjoy being here – we love the Craig community. We live on 35 acres right outside of town where we raise chickens and rabbits. We look forward to staying here for a long time.

