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Moylan takes over Hord dental practice

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GAYLORD -- Dr. Dan Moylan is now the man behind the "well-oiled machine" of Northern Dental Associates since he took over the practice from Dr. Timothy Hord in October.

Moylan, who's been practicing out of dental school for three years, was selected by Hord as his successor when he decided to retire after 24 years in general practice.

"Dr. Hord was picky about who took over, and who would take care of his patients," Moylan said. The transition took place in mid-October as Hord finished up his last appointments and introduced his patients to their new dentist. The office's five staff members -- Mary Long, Dawn Badalamenti, Deb Keefe, Wendy McGeorge and Cheryl Georke -- are staying onboard.

"I've got a great staff here," Moylan said. "This is a well-oiled machine."

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Hord said he was looking for certain qualities in his successor while also making sure his patients and employees were comfortable with their new dentist.

"The main thing is Dr. Moylan is ethical and has sound diagnostic ability," Hord said. "I felt a commitment to patients to make sure they were in good hands before he took over. I feel very indebted to my patients and I wanted to make sure they were well-cared for. The staff needed to be comfortable too."

Hord will continue to do occasional specialty procedures at Northern Dental Associates but, for now, is "taking time to reflect" on the past 24 years and spend time with his son before returning to dental school to either specialize or teach.

Moylan, a Cadillac graduate, earned his Doctorate of Dental Surgery at **University of Detroit Mercy** after earning his master's degree at Wayne State University. He completed his undergraduate studies at Adrian College where he was a starting linebacker, and captain his senior year, for the Adrian Bulldogs. On special occasions he wears the conference championship ring he won his sophomore year.

Moylan has lived in Gaylord for almost three years years with his wife, Emily. He has a daughter, Ella, 2, and is expecting a son, Ethan, in January.

"We wanted to establish ourselves in a northern community," Moylan said about moving to Gaylord. "I like to hunt, fish and snowmobile, and Emily likes to ski, so what better place to be than Gaylord?"

Northern Dental Associates is on M-32 east of Gaylord.

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