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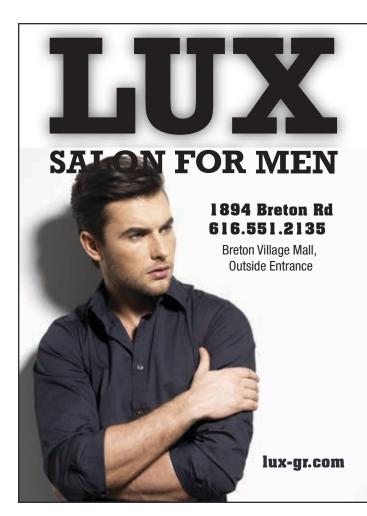
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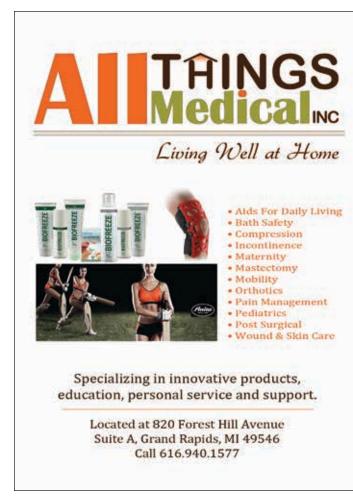


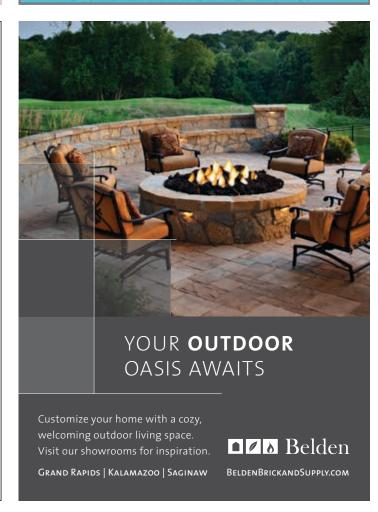












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publisher's note

I couldn't resist the opportunity to share the attached photo!

For anyone brave enough to have stayed in town during spring break this year, this picture says it all. While the kennels were full, Cascade was a virtual ghost town, providing the opportunity for effortless weekend grocery shopping and dining out at popular Cascade restaurants without the need for reservations. But that was then, and this is June. It's time to get serious about why we live where we do! For three months out of the year at least, Michigan truly is the happiest place on earth.

As you head out to those graduation parties, weddings and backyard barbeques, not to mention summer cottages and eagerly awaited summer road trips, don't forget to take pictures. And when you do, take a moment to send a few of them to Cascade Life. We love hearing more about you and the special people and places in your life and are happy to help you share summer with your Cascade friends and neighbors!



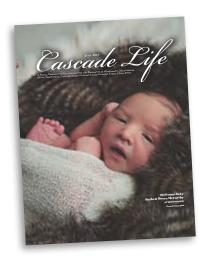
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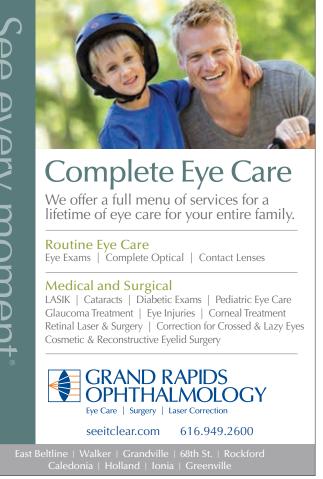
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Photos by **Jacee Beck**

On February 14, 2016, at 7:54 a.m., Watermark residents Amber and Terrence McCarthy, along with big brother Carson Cruz McCarthy, welcomed the newest addition to their family. Beckett Bryce entered the world at 20 inches, weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Welcome to Cascade, Beckett!

If you or a neighbor you know are graduating, getting married, expecting a baby/grandchild, planning a special anniversary or retiring, please contact <code>leigh.hunt@n2pub.com</code>. We love to highlight <code>Cascade Life</code> families and their milestones.

The McCarthys moved to
Watermark in 2014. When
sighing asked about their favorite part
about living in the neighborhood,
they answered, "The location and
convenience, the golf course, pool and
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Beckett with big brother, Carson







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It's not just coincidence that the all-time winningest baseball team in the history of the MLB, the New York Yankees, have their own team chiropractor on hand at all times. Anybody that wants to maximize their human potential and perform the best they possibly can understand that every single function their



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body carries out is controlled and coordinated through the central nervous system. From swinging a golf club, to winning an Oscar, to something as common and every day as digestion, proper nervous system function and coordination is a must for the body to perform its daily tasks in perfect harmony. Just like a precision musical instrument or a high performance automobile needs regular tuning and adjustment, the human body is no different. Elite level athletes and celebrities understand this concept and elect to fine tune their body regularly for performance in all areas of their lives.

Prevention is another reason adjustments are necessary, especially for those wanting the best for themselves and the ones they love. In order to function at the highest level on a daily basis (longevity) forward thinking is required in terms of prevention. To maintain an elite level of performance for a sustained period of time, professionals get adjustments to prevent injury, sickness and disease. Their health, like my health and your health, is our most important asset and so investing in their most important asset on a regular basis just makes sense. Everyone sitting here reading this right now brushed your teeth today (I hope) you didn't do it because they hurt or had a cavity. You brushed your teeth today to prevent tooth decay and cavities, the same way those like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Denzel Washington and Jerry Rice get adjusted regularly to prevent spinal decay and nervous system dysfunction leading to sickness, disease and injury.

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Cascade Life congratulates the most recent group of young men from Ada/Cascade's Troop 345 who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. They include Nick Doyle, Brenden Koop, Ryan Mulder, Jon Pearcy, Calvin Mast and Seth Yonker.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. The designation Eagle Scout has a long history since its founding over 100 years ago. Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. The requirements necessary to achieve this rank take years to fulfill. Since 1987, 102 young men from Troop 345 have become Eagle scouts.



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Family escorted tours span the world, but there are a few extra popular destinations: the West- National Parks and cowboy country; Europe and Great Britain; and the exotics- Africa, Machu Picchu, Galapagos and Costa Rica. The newest hot ticket is European river cruises designed especially for families.

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MEET Lara Seledotis of Tall Pines

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Lara Seledotis of Tall Pines

athlete of the month

By Anya Zentmeyer



Do you know of a student athlete that would enjoy being featured as our next Athlete of the Month? Contact leigh.hunt@n2pub.com.

When 11-year-old Lara Seledotis was younger, she was always eager to go to

"Not to skate, but to have a pretzel, play with other kids, and watch Saturday morning cartoons," said her mother, Diana Seledotis, of Cascade's Tall Pines neighborhood.

She says Lara would watch her older brother, Brett, at Patterson Ice Arena, a young hockey player learning to stand up on the ice by pushing a big metal triangle for support, and found her own place in the rink one day when she saw a few figure skaters gliding along the ice.

For Lara, learning to figure skate was not an easy process. Although Diana says there were times when Lara thought about quitting, she persevered, not wanting to lose the budding friendships with other figure skating hopefuls she shared the ice with each week.

"She's grateful for the coaches who did not give up on her even though she frequently 'hung around the boards' instead of venturing out on the ice," Diana said. "She has learned through her coaches the art of disciplined practice and she realizes how lucky she is to have such a lovely and warm ice rink in her neighborhood."

Now almost 12 years old, Lara doesn't think about quitting any more, and answers to a 7 a.m. wake-up call each Saturday morning for practice. Figure skating has added a new dimension to Lara's life, bringing her treasured friendships, sleepovers, Valentine parties, beautiful costumes, and unforgettable road trips to competitions.

"Saturday morning cartoons can still be fun," she said. "But not as much fun as watching Gracie Gold float across the ice."

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By Dr. Ewa Timek, M.D.

The sun is the source of energy that sustains life, but accumulated exposure without proper protection has negative consequences. The main types of rays that damage our skin are UVA and UVB. This damage manifests itself in the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles, laxity, and discoloration, but the most dangerous consequence is a higher risk of skin cancer. According to various studies, 90 percent of premature aging is caused by environmental damage.

To adequately shield skin from the sun, sunscreen needs to be a part of every daily skincare routine. Options include physical UV-reflecting ingredients, chemical UV-absorbing ingredients, or a combination of both. The most important thing to look for on a label is the term broad spectrum, which indicates full coverage from the entire spectrum of UVA and UVB radiation, whereas



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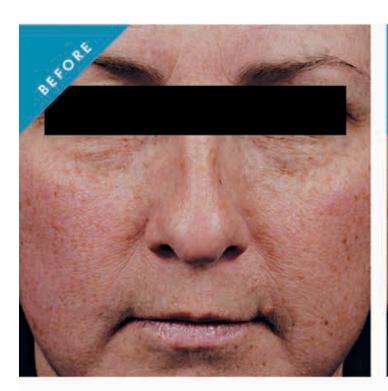
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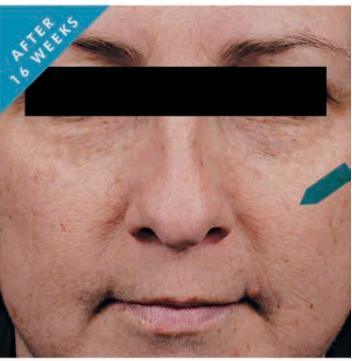
Research has shown that sunscreen alone may not provide adequate protection from environmental damage. A key finding shows that sunscreens may only block 55 percent of the free radicals generated by UV exposure. Pollution depletes natural antioxidants and exhausts natural antioxidant defenses in the stratum corneum (the outer most layer of skin) by creating free radicals, which damage vital cell structures, essential in maintaining skin elasticity. Free radicals disrupt the natural cycle of collagen and elastin production in the dermis to cause fine lines and wrinkles. Additionally, environmental offenders activate inflammatory pathways in the epidermis, which can lead to inflammatory skin diseases and cancer.

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For broad range protection against all sources of environmental skin aggressors, it's imperative to use a topical antioxidant in conjunction with a daily sunscreen. Medical grade skin care products containing antioxidants, such as active vitamin C offer a range of antioxidant products that have been clinically proven to neutralize damaging free radicals induced by UV radiation and pollution. It is recommended that mechanical protection of daily sun screen containing either zinc oxide or titanium dioxide be combined with a daily antioxidant treatment that does not only protect against environmental skin injury but can also reverse signs of aging restoring skin glow, reducing wrinkles, and improving skin elasticity.





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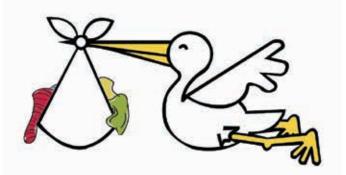
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"what's up cascade?"



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Bella and her family moved to Cascade from Zurich, Switzerland, in 2015

A PATTERSON

Picture this: A deep blue river runs through a valley of green luscious grass and tall breathtaking mountains. The light blue sky is clean and the air is crisp. It's a perfect postcard view.

For new sophomore student, Bella Patterson, this was her reality. For the past 10 years, up until now, Bella lived in Zurich, Switzerland.

"When I first moved to Zurich, I was only 6 years old," Bella said. "Even though I was far away from the rest of my family, it was a lot easier to adapt to everything around me."

In Zurich, the customs and traditions are very different than they are here. Each day Bella's school schedule would be constantly changing. At the beginning of the week, she would be provided with a weekly schedule (instead of a daily schedule). She had an hour and a half lunch break and during that time period, Bella could go wherever she wanted.

According to Bella, the school days at FHC are not as entertaining and interesting as they were back in Zurich. The days would go by faster, each Wednesday was a day off, and throughout the breaks, she could leave and go wherever.

"Living in Zurich, I had a lot more freedom," Bella said. "People would go out and take the unique and amazing public transportation such as trams, trains, and boats. It was also very safe there. I could go into the city by myself and not have to worry about anything happening to me."

> Her school was six floors high and each room had a window overlooking a beautiful view.

Once moving back to Michigan, the adjustment from her old life to her new life was clearly challenging. Bella says that moving back to Grand Rapids was harder than moving to Zurich due to the fact she was traveling to a foreign country.

"Most of my life was spent there [in Zurich] and it was very hard to come back and fit in with everyone," Bella said. "It has taken so much longer to adapt and I am still adapting to things here."

One of the few things Bella enjoys about living in Grand Rapids is being closer to her family. She has 6 siblings, all older than her, and because she lives here now, she can spend more time with them. "Of course I miss things from Zurich, but living here, I enjoy being closer to my family and being able to drive!" Bella said.

Whether Bella is learning in the beautiful city of Zurich or in the city of Grand Rapids, her perky, intelligent, and gracious personality will catch the hearts of all and take her down the road to success.

"Living in Zurich taught me to be independent, but now living here, I am learning to try new things and adapt to change," Bella said. "That is what being a part of FHC and GR has taught me."



Hey kids! We'd love to get to know the kids on your block. Do you know a family that would enjoy being featured in "What's Up Cascade?" Contact leigh.hunt@n2pub.com and we will do the rest.

sisters Payton, Ellie and Clare Field.

Golden Doodle Zoey lives in Cascade Farms with the Field family. She is pictured here with

It's a perfect summer day. The sun is shining down on the luscious green grass as the clouds migrate across the deep blue sky. The freshly cut lawn is pristine and undisturbed, while the sound of laughter echoes throughout the neighborhood. Suddenly, a blonde whirlwind of spastic energy darts across the lawn, interrupting everything in its path. The creature has a long tongue, hanging to the side, and it sits in a stance, teasing and ready to dash off again. Who is this loopy creature you might ask? Please give a warm welcome (or bark) to golden doodle puppy, Zoey Field.

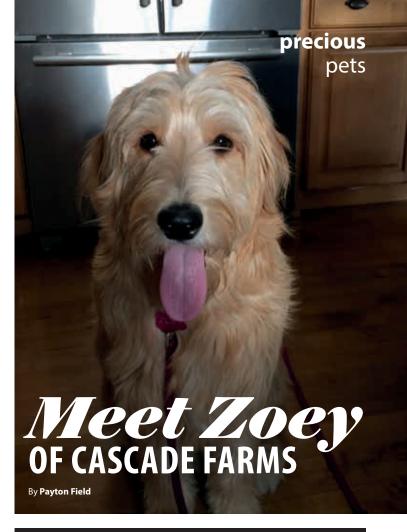
Zoey is a golden doodle puppy, which is a mix of a golden retriever and a poodle. She has long, wavy, blonde hair with a messy beard, usually wet with water or tangled with bits of food. Her tongue is abnormally long and is always hanging off to the side of her mouth. She has a fierce bark and whenever anyone opens the door, they are greeted with a warm howl.

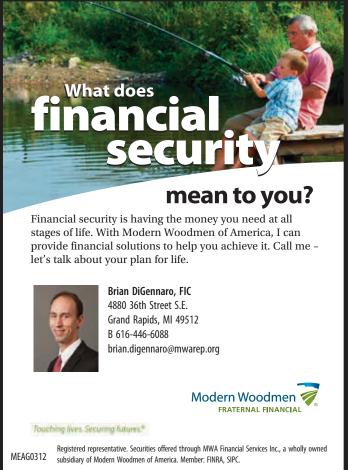
At just 2 years old, Zoey is full of energy, sass, and spunk. Some of her everyday activities include spastically chasing after a tennis ball, playing with her owners, and greeting everyone with a friendly howl of hello. She often enjoys playing soccer with one of her owners, Clare. Together, the two crazy kids chase after each other, fighting to gain control of the ball. Even though she is a dog, Zoey is one of the best defenders and will usually grasp the soccer ball between her teeth and run away. Zoey also enjoys rough housing with one of her other owners, Ellie. The two can be heard from miles away, barking and howling. And although she may be crazy, she can also be affectionate and loving. She enjoys curling up for a nice nap on the bathroom floor and cuddling with the rest of her family members.

Zoey has made some pretty memorable and humorous memories with her Cascade Farms family, the Field's. Whether she be running away with a soccer ball, howling at her peers, stampeding after a tennis ball, or hanging out with her family, her loopy and friendly personality is one that cannot be forgotten. Woof.



Cascade Life knows how much you cherish your pets. We welcome the opportunity to introduce them to the neighborhood and would love to feature them. Please send high-resolution photos of your furry friends to leigh.hunt@ n2pub.com, and we will include them in the next available issue







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Acme Pure Blu

By Anya Zentmeyer | Photos by Avery Wedde

With warm summer days on the horizon, Acme Pure Blu wants to help Cascade residents take the stress out of summer fun with its full line-up of everything from pool and spa services and maintenance to retail products, and a brand new line of spas.

"We see a real opportunity to focus on the ongoing care of pools, spas, and outdoor living spaces," said Josh Van Manen, co-owner of Acme Pure Blu. "People invest a lot in their backyards and have all the excitement of a new pool the first year, but that investment needs to be taken care of and too often the excitement turns into work or frustration. No one wants to do this great thing for their family and then have it turn into a headache ... The essence of our mission is to simplify the fun, luxury, and relaxation of pools, spas and outdoor living."

Josh, who is from the southwest side of Grand Rapids, graduated with a degree in finance and entrepreneurship from Baylor University and worked in finance for several years. He left the banking industry in 2014 to launch Elevest LLC, a serial entrepreneurship firm focused on investing in small businesses and working with founders and owners on succession and/or growth plans.

Shortly after Josh founded Elevest LLC, Jamie Rynbrandt, a west Michigan native and Calvin College graduate with a background in business in marketing, approached him with an opportunity to acquire the service and retail parts of the family-owned Acme Pool Construction as the firm's first major investment. While the over 30-year-old Acme Pool Construction is still owned and operated by its second-generation owners, Pete and Kim Folkringa, its sole purpose is now in pool construction and remodeling. Acme Pure Blu was created to focus on service and retail offerings.

The business had a strong team, which has only been added to in the last year. Service manager Shane Gerard has been working in the industry since he was 14, and pool and spa specialist Mitch Price has over 28 years of experience in the industry.

"We recently moved Tara Warnes into a customer care specialist role," said Josh. "She has incredible water care knowledge, but also a really good innate ability to listen to a customer and zero in on their needs and the best solution. I could continue with many more individual examples, but it's really not about any one of us. It's about the team we're assembling and what we ultimately deliver to our customers. It's a cliché, but a value we truly live by; our people are our only sustainable competitive advantage, so we treat them as such."

Josh said aside from investing in top-notch knowledge in the field, Acme Pure Blu's most uniquely valuable offering is something simpler – some piece of mind.

"I'd say that we truly understand that pools and spas can be complicated and even confusing," he said. "We hate to see people stressed or frustrated by that; especially when there are so many ways we can help to take away the stress. It can be as simple as a session of pool school in their backyard or as involved





as us completely managing the care of their pool or spa including opening it, balancing the water, cleaning it every week, maintaining the equipment and closing it. We love any opportunity, big or small, to help simplify things and hope that people don't hesitate to call and tap into our expertise and help."

Acme Pure Blue is located at 13745 Ironwood Drive NW, and although customers are welcome to visit their showroom, most of Acme Pure Blu's business involves going to the homes of customers. "We have many, many customers in Cascade," said Josh, "so if a customer needs something, chances are we will be in the area and can easily deliver products or perform a service."



Acme Pure Blu's inside staff includes (left to right) Shane Gerard, Jamie Rynbrandt, Josh Van Manen, Mitch Price, Amanda Folkringa, Tara Warnes and Kelli Tillman. The company also employs five service technicians. "It's about the team we're assembling and what we ultimately deliver to our customers," said co-owner Josh Van Manen. "... Our people are our only sustainable competitive advantage, so we treat them as such."







To learn more about Acme Pure Blu, visit www.acmepureblu.com or call 616-677-POOL.

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By **Judy DeLapa**

Some time ago I read an account of a man and his elderly father who traveled cross-country just to spend some precious father-

son time together. As they drove west their conversations often turned to family friends the son remembered from his youth – some living, some deceased. The son's final question to his father about each was "Did he finish well?"

Let me ask you, "What does it mean to finish well?" We each get to define this in our own way just as we get to define integrity in our own way. Here's a broad definition of integrity I like: when your talk, actions, values and allocation of resources are all in alignment. When you walk the talk and support the things you profess to believe in with your time, money and talent, you're living a life of integrity. I might add: you are also at peace with yourself.

Most of you reading this article – high-achievers in particular – want to finish well. What then sets high-achievers apart from others? Characteristics I've noticed in many of my coaching clients, most of whom are high-achievers:

- They are passionate about what they do.
- They are self-starters.
- They are lifelong learners.
- They are driven to excel
- · They continually raise the bar on their own performance.
- They welcome new challenges.
- Time is their co-pilot.

High achievers – like anyone else – can wander outside the confines of their professed values, dabble in greed and violate their own definition of integrity. Think about your concept of integrity – open it up for discussion with friends, students or co-workers at least 20 years younger – or 20 years older than you. See where it takes you. Whatever your definition of integrity, think of it as a lifelong prescription for a life well-lived. Think of it as a prescription for finishing well.

"Stay hungry. Stay foolish."

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary." –Excerpted from Steve Jobs' commencement address at Stanford 2005, as reprinted in Fortune September 5, 2005

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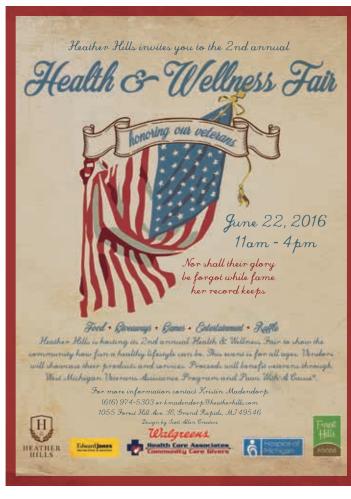
As the amount of daylight increases, along with the daily temperature and the length of our grass, we look toward summer. During this time of year, we celebrate Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July, and as we honor each of these holidays, one can't help but think about how veterans play such a large role in our freedom. We owe our countless freedoms, many of which we take for granted on a daily basis, to the brave men and women who have risked their lives to preserve our country and our values. There are over 9 million veterans in the United States that are over the age of 60. With the growing number of veterans becoming senior citizens, it is more important than ever to offer continued and ongoing support to those have made sacrifices to serve our nation, keeping us free and safe. We proudly honor and support those who have risked so much for us, and we would like to ask that you join us in our ongoing efforts to provide comfort, care and services to our veterans.

Paws for a Cause – For over 25 years Paws for a Cause has been helping veterans across the United States by providing trained canine assistants. Right now, there are roughly 31 veteran clients the waiting list for an Assistance Dog. They hail from: California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Paws for a Cause has 36 active PAWS Teams in service across the country, with one placement in Michigan, which originated last summer.

West Michigan Veterans Assistance Program – Operated and managed by volunteers, this program provides everything form help with financial organization to giving housing and shelter to veterans and their families. Last year, they were able to raise \$80,000 to assist 300 veterans and 215 families in 5 counties. Through their work, West Michigan Veterans Assistance also operated food pantries and worked to provide transitional housing for the veterans. This is a very noble, providing no monetary compensation to its workers.

Come join Heather Hills on June 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to converse with both of these fantastic organizations serving our veterans. Donations will be welcomed and appreciated.





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FUNCTION (S) FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

At Watermark Country Club With Iululemon athletica & EmbodyGR

Who would've ever thought yoga could be so beneficial, empowering and life-changing to whole body healing? Well, it serves to be true, with a great real life story that unfolded at Watermark Country Club, which hosted close to 200 beautiful ladies and a few gentlemen to learn about the truths of a very special woman's heart wrenching journey to finding health, peace and happiness. Dana Christian Lee, founder and executive director of EmbodyGR, delivered a powerful message on how she had hit her deepest, darkest days through her post-partum depression.

Dana emphatically says, "Seek the highest first, in every human being that you see; you see a sense of goodness, and you start from there."

Through Dana's great sense of isolation, depression and pain, she turned the corner with Yoga, and made a physical and mental connection that started toward her healing process. The depression started to melt away. Through her journey, she saw a need to teach as a Certified Yoga Teacher to the underserved, those who have fallen on hard times, that Yoga should always be available to people that cannot afford it. Thus, EmbodyGR was born with currently 400 people serving throughout Grand Rapids, with over 7,500 hours of Yoga and 2,000 hours of volunteer service. Free Yoga is provided at Fountain Street Church every Wednesday and includes free childcare so all are able to participate. For more information, please visit their website at: feelbetterdogood.org.

"It's our responsibility to make a difference," said Dana. "Yoga has changed my world, and it is my mission and vision for it to reach as many people as possible."



Manchester Hills residents Sarah Clay Shattuck and Jeanne Eyde-Sayers are very involved with EmbodyGR and have both contributed much time to the organization.

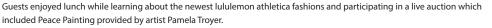


Natalie Bauss of Keeki Pure & Simple, was one of the event's supporters.











This was truly one of our community's best fundraiser events offered – Friday, April 29, a beautiful day for the Function is Fashion Show & Luncheon held, and sponsored by EmbodyGR with lululemon athletica Breton Village. Attendees received goody bags with lotions, coupons and promotional items from local businesses. The Daling family (Tim, Nancy and daughter Chey-







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EmbodyGR's founder and executive director Dana Christian Lee leads a Wednesday night Yoga class at Fountain Street Church. Yoga and childcare are both free to all who attend.

enne) all spoke about how Yoga and EmbodyGR changed their lives. A musical performance by Hannah Rose Graves, accompanied by Dutcher Snedeker, was a special treat. Additional entertainment was provided by DJ Jay Vee. Other nice touches included a photo booth, hand massages, mini manicures, and both silent and live auctions, along with a lululemon fashion show during the live auction. The goal was to raise \$75,000 to fund EmbodyGR's vital work in the Grand Rapids community. And we cannot fail to mention the wonderful sponsors of Thoroughbred Fulfillment, Catholic Charities of West MI, Hungerford Nichols, Griffin Properties and Olsson Investment Group.

I personally believe that through adversity, there is always an advantage ... if you seek it.



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(Kathleen and her family live in Manchester Hills)

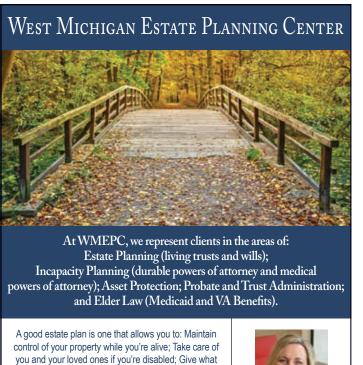














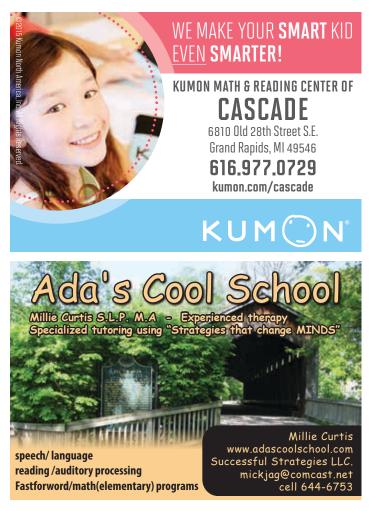
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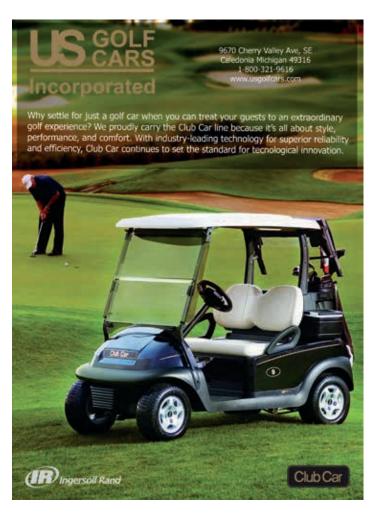
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My good friend from high school is coming to visit and I am reminded of a few years back when my wife and I played a couple's match against him and his wife. We were not even half way down the first hole and he was already giving his wife advice on how to aim. In *Champion Success Strategy*, I highlight why it is not a good idea to take advice from your spouse.

Excerpted from *7 Essential Golf Tips from Your Spouse You Should Completely Ignore*, you can download the full publication at www. grandrapidsgolflesson.com/learning-programs-nav/tools.

Manly golf advice #3: aim over there.

Really, you'd take advice on aiming from a man? This is classic man advice for his spouse when she is not hitting them straight down the middle of the fairway. You know the drill. He stands behind where you are hitting, dramatically closes one eye and points to try and determine where you are aimed.

There is an inherent problem with taking advice on aim. Golf is not a face on sport. It is a side on sport where you stand various distances from the ball depending on the length of club you are using. This variance and side on positioning continually changes your perception of where you are aimed. Thus, the common conversation heard on the golf course between you and your spouse ...

Him: "Honey, you are aimed too far to the right."
You: "No I'm not! I am aimed right down the middle."
Him: "What do I know?"
You: "That's right. What do you know?"

Regardless of who is right or wrong on this topic, it is simply a lose-lose scenario. Only when you truly understand the vision tricks used by the top golfers will you begin to understand how to position your eyes to see correct alignment from a side on viewpoint.



YOU SHOULD COMPLETELY IGNORE



By **Scott Seifferlein**, author, speaker & PGA golf guru

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Veterinarians have a general disdain for most parasites. The feeling is especially strong when it comes to the creepy crawly tick. Ticks cause blood loss. They transmit diseases, incuding Lyme Disease, Anaplasma, Ehrlichia and Babesia. They can even cause a fatal toxicosis. Yikes! Tick control is indeed important for the health of you and your pet.

The numbers keep growing! Tick populations have increased over the past few years, causing an abundance of health problems for us. The increase in tick populations is likely due to many factors, in particular the recent upsurge in deer and wild turkey populations. Other causes may include a declining use of pesticides and other lifestyle patterns. More and more people choose to live in landscaped areas that mimic a rural environment. With the wildlife in our backyards, we are more likely to see this type of parasite.

The best mode of protection against ticks involves avoiding areas where ticks are known to reside, although this measure is becoming increasingly more difficult each year. Multiple varieties of tick control products are available, with varying levels of effectiveness and safety. Talk with your veterinarian to find out which product is best for your pet.

If you or your pet is bitten by a tick, prompt removal of the tick is the best way to prevent problems. Several tick detachment devices are available. However, a pair of fine tip tweezers will work well also. Do no use your bare fingers. Take hold of the tick with gauze or a tissue if you have no other options. Grasp the tick as closely to the skin surface as possible. Pull the tick straight up with steady, even pressure, until the tick releases. Take care not to twist, jerk or crush the tick during removal as this could cause part of the tick to remain under the skin and increase risks of disease transmission. Clean and disinfect the site of a tick bite afterwards to help prevent infection.

Some tick species are more problematic than others. A common concern in our area is Lyme Disease, transmitted by the Deer Tick. However, many species have expanded their ranges significantly, so ticks that we typically have not seen in Michigan have arrived. The Lone Star tick isn't just in Texas anymore. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is actually more common in North Carolina than Colorado and has made its way to Michigan. If you find a tick and need help with identification, place the tick in a small jar of alcohol for preservation. Expert tick identification is available at a number of state agencies.

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JUVE local events

Friday, June 10

truTV Impractical Jokers "Santiago Sent Us"

Where: DeVos Performance Hall

Description: The Tenderloins are a New York-based comedy troupe whose four members - Joe Gatto, James Murray, Brian Quinn and Sal Vulcano - are the creators, executive producers, and stars of truTV's hit series, Impractical Jokers. Their highly successful tour, the "truTV Impractical Jokers" Santiago Sent Us'Tour starring the Tenderloins," is a mix of stand-up, never-before-seen hidden camera videos, stories and insight. For more information: http://thetenderloins.com/tour/

Sunday, June 12

Celtic Woman: The Destiny Tour Where: DeVos Performance Hall

Description: Multiplatinum Irish music sensation Celtic Woman presents DESTINY, an enchanting new show and world concert tour. This unforgettable live concert experience features all new stage designs, stunning wardrobes and magnificent arrangements with superb choreography. On the heels of their successful 10th Anniversary World Tour that captivated millions of fans, come join Celtic Woman as they begin the next chapter of their musical journey - a true destiny to be shared by all! For more information: http://www.CelticWoman.com



Tuesday, June 21

First Anniversary of the Japanese Garden Celebration

Where: Frederik Meijer Gardens

When: 9:00am-9:00pm

Description: Celebrate the 1st anniversary celebration of The Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden with us! Immerse yourself in the culture of Japan while you watch martial arts demonstrations, hear music performances, enjoy kids and family activities and more! Additional information will be posted as it is confirmed.

For more information: http://www.meijergardens.org/

Tuesday, June 21 - Sunday, Jun 26

Broadway Grand Rapids presents the Book of Mormon

Where: DeVos Performance Hall

Description: The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." The Washington Post says, "It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals." And Entertainment Weekly says, "Grade A: the funniest musical of all time." Jon Stewart of The Daily Show calls it "a crowning achievement. So good it makes me angry." It's THE BOOK OF MORMON, the ninetime Tony Award® winning Best Musical from the creators of South Park. For more information: http://www.broadwaygrandrapids.com/shows/1516/book-of-mormon/

Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26

JAFAX 2.0 Reboot

Where: Devos Place and DeVos Performance Hall

Description: Join us for a weekend celebration of Japanese media and culture! JAFAX features industry guests, a diverse vendor hall and Artist Alley, contests, game shows, panels, anime showings, and more! For more information: http://www.jafax.org/

Saturday, June 25-Sunday, June 26

Spring Rose Show

Where: Frederik Meijer Gardens

Description: Enjoy a variety of rose blooms including hybrid teas, miniatures and floribundas, all locally grown and carefully prepped for this judged show. Vote for the most fragrant rose and see lovely rose flower arrangements. Grand Valley Rose Society members will be available all weekend to answer your questions and provide tips on growing roses. For more information: http://www.meijergardens.org/

Tuesday, July 5

Tuesday Evening Music Club

Where: Frederik Meijer Gardens Amphitheater

When: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Description: Quickly becoming the summer's best family entertainment value, the Tuesday Evening Music Club brings talented local and regional musicians to the Frederik Meijer Gardens Amphitheater stage Tuesday evenings—free to Meijer Gardens members—throughout July and August.

As an added bonus, all of Meijer Gardens is open to visitors until 9 pm on Tuesday concert nights. Guests may bring picnic food during the shows or enjoy the Taste of the Gardens Café and amphitheater concessions. Chairs of all heights are welcomed.

For more information: http://www.meijergardens.org/



SUMMER? Commentation Comment

create the perfect outdoor space

By N2 Staff Writer, Megan Weatherly Lynn

Summertime is perfect for spending warm nights grilling out by the pool with family and friends. Need to get your outdoor spaces ready for entertaining? These are a few summertime projects to make your home the hot spot for backyard barbecues.

1. build a deck

Nowhere to set up your grill? Build a simple platform-style deck on-grade. You'll only need basic tools, lumber and a few concrete piers, plus whatever stain or paint you choose.

2. create an outdoor kitchen

Speaking of that grill, consider bringing in a designer to help plan out the perfect outdoor kitchen. Many home improvement stores also offer pre-designed outdoor kitchen sets. With a sink, refrigerator and bar top, you'll be ready to host your first summer party in no time.

3. buy new patio furniture

With all of the time you'll be spending outside, be sure to invest in some high-quality patio furniture. Consider a dining set with an anti-corrosive finish and weather-proof fabric to ensure that it will withstand the elements and changing seasons.

4. build a raised garden

Warm weather is perfect for growing your favorite fruits and vegetables right in your own backyard. Build a raised garden bed

with stones or simple 2x4s purchased from your local home improvement store. Fill with soil and start planting your tomatoes, lettuce and peppers.

5. add landscape lighting

Nothing adds evening ambiance like accent lighting. Complement the fireflies in your backyard by installing some exterior lighting to pathways, decks and pools. Your family and friends will thank you for making your outdoor spaces easy to navigate once the sun goes down.

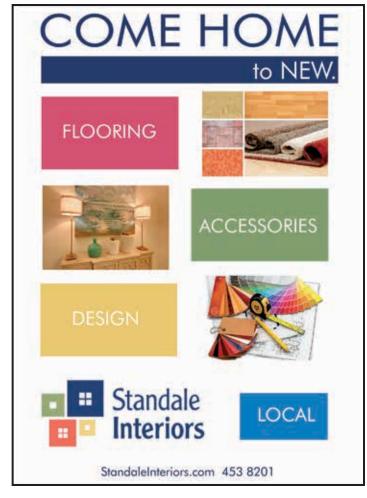
6. install a fire pit

While some summer nights may be too warm for sitting around a fire, this is the perfect time to install a brand new fire pit.

Whether you choose to build a custom structure or purchase a pre-assembled one, a fire pit will make your outdoor space livable well into the autumn months.

7. add a screen

Are pesky mosquitoes keeping you from enjoying your back porch to its full potential? Add new posts and screening to create a barrier. This will allow you to enjoy the sunsets and breezes while minimizing the uncomfortable bug bites.



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Break Out The Sunscreen, Sunglasses And Sun Hat!

Written by N2 Staff Writer, Elizabeth McCabe

To tan or not to tan? That is the tantalizing question that sun worshipers face. It is hard to resist basking in the sun to achieve that bronze, sun-kissed glow. But what else is the sun doing to your skin in the process?

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Unfortunately, the harmful rays of the sun can result in wrinkles, premature aging and even skin cancer. Instead of turning to Botox and anti-aging remedies, all you really need is a bottle of sunscreen. According to the Skin Care Foundation, a staggering 90 percent of visible aging comes from the hours you spend in the sun (not your age) -- shocking, but true.

Another misconception is that sunscreen is only necessary when the sun is shining. Unfortunately, ultraviolet rays come with cloud cover too. Protection is needed on all days; the sun's rays know no mercy. If you think you are safe because you have a dark skin tone, think again. Those with darker skin are more likely to get more serious kinds of skin cancer when diagnosed; all the more reason to lather up when going outside. Fairskinned people aren't immune from the UV rays of the sun either. They are more likely to develop skin cancer when exposed to the sun's damaging rays.

Summer smart sun safety is paramount for children and adults alike. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, everyone should wear sunscreen daily, regardless of skin tone. Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes prior to sun exposure for the best results to allow the product to be fully absorbed into the skin.

While you're at it, don't forget to break out the sunglasses and the hat. Protect your eyes from sun damage by purchasing sunglasses that shield against UVA and UVB rays. Wearing sunglasses without UV protection is a no-no. Darkened lenses cause the pupil to let in more light, allowing more UV light into the back of the eye. Sun hats are another form of protection from skin cancer. With every extra inch of hat brim, reduce your risk of skin cancer by 10%. It's worth it!

Enjoy the summer but not without summer smart sun safety. Slather on the sunblock, don a pair of UV-blocking sunglasses, and invest in a sun hat. Your skin will thank you later!







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As its name suggests, retiring in stages typically involves reducing one's work hours from full-time to part-time, and then, eventually, to complete retirement. If you enjoy the social relationships of work, and you define part of your identity with what you do at your job, this type of gradual transition may be easier for you to accommodate than the abrupt transition from "worker" to "retiree."

As for the financial aspects of such a move, you will want to plan ahead. A "phased-in" retirement can affect your investment and income strategies in several areas, such as these:

SOCIAL SECURITY - You can start collecting Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will only be about 75% of what you'd get if you wait until you reach 66 (assuming that 66 is your "full" retirement age). And the payments get larger from there, until they "max out" at 70. So, if you had planned to retire at 62 but instead retired in stages, you could possibly afford to delay taking Social Security until your checks were bigger. You could work and receive Social Security, but if your earnings exceed a certain amount, some of your benefits may be withheld, at least until you reach full retirement age - after which you can earn as much as you want with no withholding of benefits. However, your Social Security could still be taxed based on your income.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS - During your working years, you may well have contributed to tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But once you turn 70½, you must start taking withdrawals ("required minimum distributions," or RMDs) from these accounts. You can't delay taking these payments, which are taxable. But if you did retire in stages and continued to work part-time, past when you expected to completely retire, you may be able to stick with the required minimum withdrawals at least for a while, rather than taking out larger amounts immediately. In this way, you could potentially keep more of your retirement funds growing in your tax-deferred accounts.

INVESTMENT MIX - If you planned to retire at a certain date, you might have created a specific mix of investments designed to provide you with sufficient income to last your lifetime. But if you continue to work, you may not have to rely so heavily on your portfolio - that is, your IRA, 401(k) and all investments held outside these retirement accounts - to help you meet your income needs. Consequently, during these extra years of work, you may be able to withdraw less from your portfolio, thus potentially having more assets to provide for your income needs down the road.

As you can see, a "phased-in" retirement could help provide you with options in making a variety of financial decisions. So, plan carefully before you exit the workforce - a gradual departure may be a good way to say "goodbye."

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