

# Plan for child care capacity helping area get back to work



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COVID-19 continues to cause widespread disruption on operations and revenue for businesses throughout the Dayton area. Gov. Mike DeWine's recent announcement to restore pre-COVID child care classroom sizes was an essential step in restoring our economy.

There have been significant changes to the workplace environment, both for businesses that remained opened at the start of the pandemic as

well as for those businesses that have reopened in recent weeks. The decision to restore child care classroom sizes comes just in time, as many working parents look to safe, quality options for their children, with the approaching school year bringing unique challenges to the workforce. Many school districts are planning the academic year with a range of in-person, hybrid and virtual settings, which brings an increased demand for working parents whose children will complete learning on a mixed or virtual schedule.

When child care centers were ordered closed on March 25, DeWine created Temporary Pandemic Child Care Centers for essential workers, and about 1,200 programs operated throughout Ohio during the time centers

were closed. On June 1, child care centers were permitted to open, but they reduced class sizes – creating an impact on Dayton-area businesses and the children in need of care while their families work.

Now, as the economy adjusts to the new reality and employees in the Dayton area have returned to their jobs, it is clear that access to affordable, quality child care continues to remain essential to helping employers find and keep employees. In addition to offering peace-of-mind by enabling working parents to enter, re-enter, or stay in the workforce, licensed child care provides early learning, social-emotional development and a safe environment for Ohio's youngest citizens.

Prior to resuming nor-

mal child care classroom sizes, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce was concerned about any loss of capacity that would put extra pressure on parents who must have child care to stay in the workforce. Access to safe, quality care allows parents to be more reliable, focused employees.

Child care providers play a significant role in our communities and are an essential service provider that allows other businesses to flourish. Child care providers are the workforce behind Ohio's workforce, and it is critical that parents have all available child care options that they need to get back to work.

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	May 2020	May 2019	12 Mos Change	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Change
Butler	0.75	\$3,229,838	\$3,776,980	-14.49%	\$17,424,239	\$18,502,740	-5.83%
Clark	1.5	\$1,952,569	\$2,045,309	-4.53%	\$10,593,475	\$10,457,057	1.30%
Darke	1.5	\$729,730	\$781,361	-6.61%	\$3,784,293	\$3,612,874	4.74%
Greene	1	\$1,836,895	\$2,259,607	-18.71%	\$11,302,024	\$11,483,328	-1.58%
Miami	1.25	\$1,886,893	\$1,607,539	17.38%	\$8,191,772	\$7,684,019	6.61%
Montgomery	1.25	\$6,893,049	\$7,752,417	-11.09%	\$39,858,883	\$40,100,353	-0.60%
Preble	1.5	\$470,422	\$498,779	-5.69%	\$2,417,981	\$2,431,793	-0.57%
Warren	1.25	\$3,736,435	\$4,483,311	-16.66%	\$21,424,997	\$22,143,780	-3.25%
<b>Region Total</b>		<b>\$20,735,829</b>	<b>\$23,205,304</b>	<b>-10.64%</b>	<b>\$114,997,65</b>	<b>\$116,415,943</b>	<b>-1.22%</b>

Source: [http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax\\_analysis/tax\\_data\\_series/sales\\_and\\_use/publications\\_tds\\_sales/S1M0520.aspx](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/S1M0520.aspx)

### Residential Home Sales

	May '20	May '19	%Change	YTD '20	YTD '19	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	1285	1720	-25.29%	5783	6212	-7.55%
Total Home Sales	\$242,781,843	\$311,763,470	-22.13%	\$1,042,922,477	\$41,043,742,673	-0.08%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$188,935	\$181,258	4.24%	\$181,599	\$168,020	8.08%

Source: Dayton Area Board of Realtors, Dayton Area Home Sales for May 2020

### Regional Employment Trends

Not seasonally adjusted

Dayton MSA	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	2020 Avg.	12-mo change
Total nonfarm employment	349,900	344,600	394,100	371,720	-44,200
Goods producing employment	53,500	51,300	57,300	55,060	-3,800
Service-providing employment	296,400	293,300	330,000	316,550	-40,400

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Labor Force Statistics including the National Unemployment Rate, [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

## RESTAURANTS

# Bravo, Brio tout outdoor dining as they claw their way back from bankruptcy

New owner working to reopen Fairfield Commons location.

By Mark Fisher

The company that purchased BRAVO! Italian Kitchen and BRIO Italian Grille out of bankruptcy two months ago is touting the chains' patio dining during the coronavirus pandemic and is working to reopen a Dayton-area location that has been shut down for several months.

Earl Enterprises – the Orlando, Florida-based company that also owns Buca di Beppo, Planet Hollywood and a handful of other restaurant chains – is promoting its outdoor amenities as consumers weigh whether to dine-in at restaurants that have reduced seating capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Bravo operates a restaurant in front of the Dayton Mall in Miami Twp., and Brio operates a location at The Greene Town Center in Beavercreek. Both of those restaurants have opened their dining rooms and patios with social distancing precautions in place, are also offering carryout and delivery.

In a release, Earl Enterprises officials said, "Plans for a relaxing Italian getaway



The new owner of Bravo and Brio is working to reopen the Bravo at Fairfield Commons. MARK FISHER/STAFF

may be on hold during this summer of social distancing, but the flavors of Italy are as vibrant and accessible as ever in Earl Enterprises' "The Best of Italy" family of restaurants."

Bravo and Brio locations are "offering al fresco dining on their expanded patios across the nation. ... With plenty of spacious and shaded outdoor seating on scenic terraces, these are the perfect places for guests to safely quench their thirst for an Aperol spritz or cold Peroni during the dog days of summer," company officials said.

While the patios at both the Dayton Mall Bravo and at Brio at The Greene are open and operating, the patio of the Bravo restaurant adjacent to the front entrance of the

Mall at Fairfield Commons in Beavercreek hasn't served up a single Aperol spritz or Peroni this summer. It hasn't seated any customers since sometime before the March 15 state-mandated closure of all dine-in services, and it is no longer listed on the Bravo web site as an open location in Ohio.

But there is still a chance that the Fairfield Commons restaurant could reopen as a Bravo.

A spokeswoman for Earl Enterprises said in mid-June that Bravo's new corporate parent was "in talks with the landlord to reopen the restaurant." And reached this week, on Wednesday Aug. 19, the spokeswoman said reopening the Beavercreek restaurant remains a possibility.

Management at the Mall at Fairfield Commons has said it does not comment on active lease negotiations.

Earl Enterprises announced June 11, that it had acquired the assets of Brio and Bravo from FoodFirst Global Restaurants, which had filed for reorganization bankruptcy in April. As part of the bankruptcy court documents, the former owner of Brio said any restaurants that weren't open for carryout at the time of the bankruptcy filing were likely shut down for good, but the Brio restaurant in Beavercreek defied the odds and did reopen fully.

"We're very excited about adding these restaurants to our group and look forward to not only investing in the future of BRIO and BRAVO!, but also the employees who are the backbone of these two restaurants," Robert Earl, chairman of Earl Enterprises, said in a release in June. "As a bright light in this challenging time, once all locations are fully operational, we look forward to welcoming back more than 4,000 employees who have been in limbo since (previous owner) FoodFirst filed for bankruptcy."

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## BUSINESS PEOPLE

### Davis promoted at Day Air Credit Union

Day Air Credit Union, the largest financial institution headquartered in Montgomery County, announce the promotion of **Holli Davis** to the position of Director of Business Banking. In her new role, Davis will build relationships with present and potential business members to enhance their usage of business banking products and services to drive their ROI.

Holli graduated from Sinclair Community College in 2011 with an associate of science in business management. She then attended Franklin University where she graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, giving her the foundation for her successful career in the financial services industry.

"We are excited to put Holli in this well-deserved new leadership role in our organization," said Bill Burke, President and CEO. "This new role will allow Holli to reach more business members and have a large impact on the com-

munity providing our members with a better banking experience."

Holli has been with Day Air for nine years serving in a variety of roles, including Member Service, Accounting Representative, Branch Manager, and most recently as the Campus Relationship Coordinator. As Campus Relationship Coordinator, she developed and coached associates at Day Air's VA and University of Dayton branch locations. In addition to associate development, Holli was successful in facilitating and strengthening new and existing relationships with Day Air's community partners.

She fostered relationships with the Dayton VA community by developing educational seminars to enhance financial empowerment and hosted numerous community appreciation events, and taught financial wellness to veterans through budget and credit counseling and educated first-generation college students on the impact of important financial decisions.

Visit [dayair.org](http://dayair.org) for more information.

## BUSINESS OPENINGS

### Hue House now open

Hue House, a new art supply store, is now open in downtown Dayton's St. Anne's Hill historic neighborhood. When McCallister's Art Supplies on Salem Avenue closed a few years ago, it was a real blow to Dayton's art community. Losing the convenience of having supplies close to downtown made creating art more difficult for working artists, from photographers to painters, to set designers and sculptors. A year ago, Dana and Ryan Vingris found a retail space that was being developed in St. Anne's, owned by Karin Gudal of the Gem City Cafte. Karin was excited to work with the couple to make their Dayton dream a reality. The goal was to have the space ready to launch by summer 2020, but then the COVID-19 pandemic hit. "Overall we were very fortunate that progress was only delayed by a few weeks on the build-out due to the shutdown," Ryan said. "We have had some delays in getting products and displays, but all in all we managed to pull it off." The store is painted in a vibrant blue color, prominently placed at 1509 E. 5th St., just past Stivers School for the Arts. For those who want to shop at the new store, you will have to make appointments to shop due to COVID-19. This is hopefully a temporary arrangement to ensure shopper and staff safety. Appointments can be made on the store's website ([www.huehouse-dayton.com](http://www.huehouse-dayton.com)), which offers 30-minute private shopping sessions in the store. A maximum of two people will be allowed in the store at a time, masks will be required, and they will only be accepting credit, debit, Apple Pay, and Google Pay, at this time. Early this fall, the store plans to launch an online store as well, which will offer the ability to order and purchase

supplies online for curbside pickup at the store.

### Center joins network

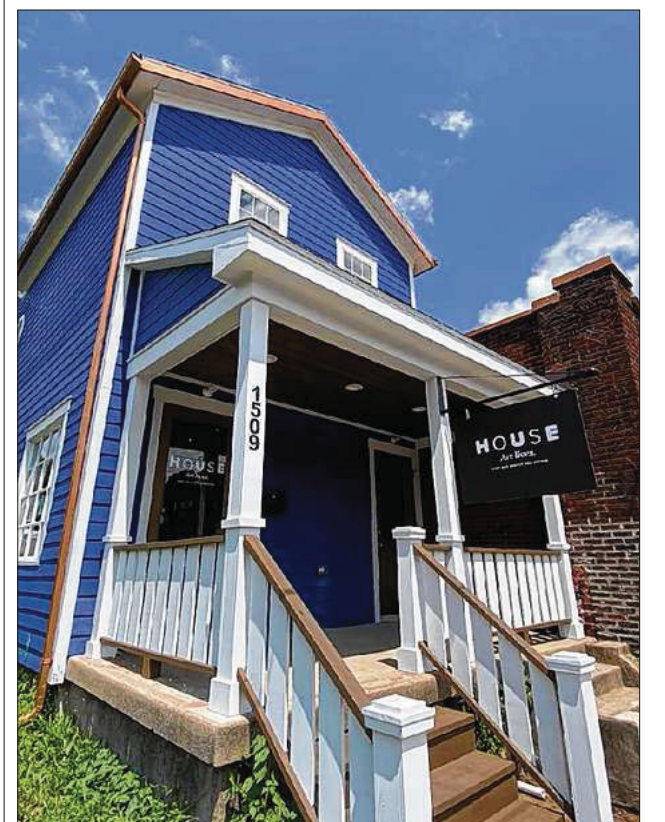
**The Liver Cancer Center of Ohio** is now a part of Premier Surgical Oncology, a Premier Physician Network practice. The center brings together some of the area's top interventional radiologists and surgical oncologists to offer coordinated care in conjunction with a patient's other care providers.

"This center is the only one of its kind in Ohio, not to mention one of a few across the nation, designed to offer coordinated care for those who are living with liver tumors," said James Ouellette, DO, surgical oncologist at the center and a certified physician with MD Anderson Cancer Network at Premier Health.

The center's physicians specialize in a variety of procedures such as:

- Laparoscopic and open liver resections
- Robotic liver and pancreas resection
- Laparoscopic microwave, nanoknife, and radio frequency ablations
- Percutaneous CT-guided ablations
- Hepatic artery chemoembolization
- HA yttrium-90 microsphere radioembolization
- Pre-liver resection portal vein embolization
- PTC catheter and/or high biliary stent placement
- Robotic Whipple procedure

The Liver Cancer Center of Ohio is a service of Premier Surgical Oncology and is located within the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Miami Valley Hospital South, 2300 Miami Valley Drive, Suite 350 in Centerville. The center is accepting new patients and can be reached at 937-438-8600.



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