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Maumee Uptown Business Spotlight



Amber Hines (left) and Dianne Dibling enjoy the outside atmosphere on the new patio at Dale's Bar & Grill in uptown Maumee.



Dale's server Jessica Goethals (left) waits on Maumee residents Justin Speegle and Erin Minor during the lunch hour on Monday afternoon. MIRROR PHOTOS BY MIKE McCARTHY

Dale's Bar & Grill Brings Alfresco Dining To Uptown Maumee

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An outdoor patio at Dale's Bar & Grill has added a new dimension to uptown dining in Maumee.

"I hope this is the first of many more to come — this is a great thing," said Dale's owner Bill Anderson.

Nearly two weeks ago, when Anderson was putting the finishing touches on furniture for the outdoor space and waiting for the city's final inspection so he could officially open it, eager customers weren't interested in delaying the opportunity to sit outside any longer.

"We were not necessarily serving out there, but people just wanted to be out on the patio. They were pushing for it, so I told them (the staff) to go ahead and take care of them, and we have stayed packed ever since," he said.



Dale's Bar & Grill, located on the corner of Conant and East Dudley streets in uptown Maumee, recently opened a 1,350-square-foot patio, offering the first outside dining experience in uptown Maumee.

The final inspection about the new space, which approval did come and city is a first for the uptown area. leaders say they are thrilled

Maumee Mayor Richard

Carr took a group of coworkers to lunch there last Friday.

"I think this is great for everybody," the mayor said. "This will become a destination spot that will bring people down here and they will see other businesses, so it will help everyone. I think it's just beautiful."

The patio seats 50 and includes outdoor televisions for sports viewing as well as a full sound system, patio lights, tables with umbrellas and comfortable couch seating beneath a newly constructed pergola.

The space is dog-friendly, as long as the pooch is on a leash and can behave; and with an ADA-certified ramp, it is also wheelchair-accessible.

Sitting outside and being able to look up at the sky was an important consideration when designing the space.

"It's very pleasant with open air — I wanted it to be open, I didn't want canopy, I wanted a true feel of outdoor," Anderson said.

Since the expansion,

Anderson has hired 10 additional servers and plans to add more staff. He has also expanded hours to seven days per week and added live entertainment outside on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

A new wine selection has been added to the menu with glasses of wine starting at \$6.00 and bottles starting at \$21.00. The restaurant also features a Bloody Mary bar on Sundays, with all of the fixings to make a perfect bloody Mary cocktail.

Large heaters will be added in the cooler months to keep the space open well into football season, and Anderson intends to maintain a first-come, first-served basis for outdoor seating while larger parties can reserve space inside.

Anderson invested approximately \$175,000 to add the 1,350-square-foot patio, which took two months to construct once

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Business has been non-stop since the patio opened, keeping Dale's cooks (from left) Jeremy Carpenter, Brian Shebek and Jaret Kieswether very busy in the kitchen.

Uptown Update

THE LATEST NEWS IN UPTOWN MAUMEE

MUBA Hosts Food Truck Fridays Every Friday

Maumee Uptown Business Association (MUBA) will host Food Truck Fridays every Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the corner of East Wayne and Conant streets. Food Truck Fridays will run every week through September 11, with the exception of August 11, when the Maumee Summer Fair takes place.

MUBA Hosts July 3 Fireworks & Family Picnic

Maumee Uptown Business Association (MUBA) will host a family picnic on Monday, July 3 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the corner of East Wayne and Conant streets. The event will feature food, live entertainment, children's games and a bounce house. The picnic precedes the city's Independence Day fireworks display, which blasts off at approximately 10:00 p.m. from the Fort Meigs Memorial Bridge.