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These stories explore the continuing economic disruptions and new challenges for companies, workers and families caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic exacerbated existing problems such as the truck driver shortage, the skills gap and difficulties families have finding affordable, quality child care. It also presented workers with opportunities to change jobs and get better pay and benefits. Cybersecurity threats to companies and their employees also increased during the pandemic as many people worked from home and the pandemic boosted digital commerce. Three of the four stories are part of the Dayton Daily News Path Forward initiative, which seeks to highlight issues of major concern to our region and to present possible solutions to those problems.