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Owner Ann Schieltz (left) and Jennifer Schwendinger stand in Dinger's D'Lite's in Farley, Iowa, on Friday.

New eatery delights Farley

Dinger's D'Lite's aims to open up people's taste buds with its menu of sandwiches.

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Biz Buzz shares business tidbits from across the tri-state area. In addition to this update from Farley, Iowa, we will share other developments in Tuesday's edition.

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A new Farley restaurant focused on specialty sandwiches and sauces is open for business. Ann Schieltz opened



Dinger's D'Lite's is located on 302 First St. N. in Farley.

Dinger's D'Lite's last month at 302 First St. N., across the street from Farley Municipal Building. Schieltz said the location most recently housed BrickHaus Bar & Grill.

"For the past 10 to 12 years, I have wanted to own a restaurant," she said. "Initially, I just wanted a café, to do breakfast and lunch. I have always en-

joyed entertaining friends and family, and a couple of friends suggested starting a restaurant, but I needed to start off slow."

Schieltz began as a food vendor at Dubuque Farmers Market six years ago. For the past 14 months, she has operated out of the Dinger's D'Lite's food trailer, and the opportunity for a physical location in Farley came up this past spring.

The name of the restaurant stems from Schieltz's lifelong nickname, Dinger. "When we went to the food truck, we didn't see too many other food trucks that specialized in sandwiches," Schieltz said. "It was mostly

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HIGHLIGHTING TRI-STATE COUPLES MARRIED 50+ YEARS

Farley couple's 30-day courtship leads to 53 years of wedded bliss

Kay and Elmer Heitz continue to support each other in life.

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FARLEY, Iowa — In 1969, Kay Smith was an independent young woman living in Minneapolis with a good job as an X-ray technician, her own apartment and an active social life.

Kay returned to her hometown of Hopkinton when her father died in the fall of that year. Looking for a bit of light amid the sadness, she and her sister decided to attend a dance one night in Farley.

The decision changed the course of her life.

"All the men at that time wore suits and ties with tie tacks," said Kay, now 82. "I saw this young man who had put

this perfect little beer label on his tie tack, and I thought it was funny. I said, 'I like your tie tack.'"

The young man was Elmer Heitz, a farm machinery salesman from Farley. He asked her to dance.

"I loved his quiet sense of humor," Kay said.

A few nights later, Elmer attended a similar dance in Worthington.

"She was there," said Elmer, now 80. "At that one, I asked to take her home."

"And that's where the courtship started," Kay added.

The couple married on Nov. 8, 1969, after a very short courtship of about a month. They soon will celebrate 53 years of marriage along with their children — Eric, Byron, Kamal and Clayton — and eight grandchildren.

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Kay and Elmer Heitz, of Farley, Iowa, have been married for nearly 53 years.

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Panels talk workforce diversity

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque hosts discussions on disparities in accessing quality jobs.

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Two community discussions addressing workforce diversity last week highlighted local disparities in employment, particularly around race, but also reflected greater unease amid a rapidly shifting jobs market.

Following a Sept. 29 panel discussion on maintaining and encouraging workforce diversity, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is hosting a

series of community conversations to gauge public opinion on the issue and gather further data for an Equity Profile assessing how systems like housing, employment and transportation affect residents.

Two sessions last week offered a preview of community opinion on the state of workforce diversity: a smaller session, held Oct. 17, predominantly attended by equity advocates and a social worker at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium; and a larger session on Oct. 18, hosted by Fountain of Youth and attended by a mix of Loras College students and working residents.

The final conversation on workforce diversity is set to take place 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Charles and Ramona Myers

Center at the University of Dubuque.

Access to quality jobs and what that constitutes was a key focus of both sessions.

White working residents at the Fountain of Youth session most often spoke favorably of job conditions, citing their own job benefits and strides their workplaces had made in embracing conversations around diversity. Accessing them was simply a matter of finding them, they said.

"Places that aren't quality jobs have to scream because they're not quality jobs," said participant Sairah Ruh.

But others cited experiences with overwork and poor working conditions, and a glut of low-paying jobs that pushed

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