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owning in five years," said Sonja. "We really worked hard to bring the customers back, just to try things again."

As if their schedules weren't full already, the couple will soon begin an extensive remodeling of the bakery, the first existing downtown business to take advantage of a special loan offer by the Downtown Development

Authority (DDA) and Metro Bank.

"It's a helping hand for anybody starting out in business or spending quite a bit of money remodeling," said Judy Downey, executive director of the DDA. "They may borrow up to \$25,000 and can pay it back over five years."

"(The Mitrikeskis) are going to

do some remodeling, and have their plans drawn up and ready to go," she said. "They have a work ethic that would put most Americans to shame."

Those plans involve doubling the bakery's storefront area to 800-square feet, installing big windows, a new floor, new ceiling, and installing central air.

"It will be a completely different operation than in the morning," said Drasko. "We'll stay a bakery, but focus more on desserts. Lots of people park behind here and pass my door, but we have nothing to offer them in the evening. People don't eat doughnuts in the evening. They are buying something somewhere else and eating it on the benches in front of the store."

Exactly what he will offer, however, is still a mystery. "It may be a little early to tell," he smiled.

But the Mitrikeskis' smiles are tired. They have clearly made sacrifices for their business. Their relaxation time is close to nil.

"Saturday evening we go to the (Civic) Theater, Sunday morning to Kensington Park, and that's about it, for four years now," he sighed. "I try not to miss those things."



Planning ahead: Farmington Downtown Development Authority officials Craig Grace, left, and director Judy Downey chat with Drasko and Sonja about their remodeling plan. The bakery is taking part in a DDA loan program offered through Metrobank.

"We had to work very hard, sometimes three days in a row without going home. We are never sorry for all this hard labor."

"The people are nice, the area is wonderful. Everything suits us so well, we would like to stay here for a long time. That's why we decided to invest so much in it."

Drasko and Sonja are clearly fond of the area. "Downtown Farmington) reminds me of the cities in Macedonia, with all the people walking around (on Grand River), especially the houses back here on Shawawsee," he gestured behind

Even with all the pressures of work, school, and family over his head, Drasko seemed at ease about the size and responsibility of the DDA loan.

"With a city like this, customers, people, friends like this, I'm not scared," said Drasko confidently. "I'm quite comfortable."

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said. "We're hopeful the judge feels that this goes beyond that point, that the arbitrator exceeded his authority in issuing this remedy."

"We are disputing the arbitrator's opinion," said Larry Lobert, executive director of personnel for the schools.

"No one takes any joy in this, it's just one of those unfortunate incidents. It's a very rare incident, but the board's response is appropriate."

Attorney Dirk Zuschlag will represent the Transportation Association and the MEA.

"I have not had an opportunity

to review everything and prepare the documentation to respond," Zuschlag said. "But it appears to be a lawsuit by the school district to vacate the arbitration award. We think the award should be confirmed by the court."

MEA representatives were unavailable for comment.

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