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happened at our restaurant," Quarker said.

After they caught him, the woman got out of the truck and screamed at employees to let him go. Another employee Eric Brown helped detain the man.

At one point, the suspect reached out his hand to the woman and said, "Don't go. Don't leave me."

Dietzel said the purse snatcher wasn't the most fleet-footed. "He had 60 yards on me," said Dietzel, who ran track and played basketball at Whitmore Prescott High School.

When he was captured, the thief began to plead with Dietzel that his family was poor and his father was dying.

Police arrested a Sterling Heights man, 20, and a Livonia woman, 20, for purse snatching and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police found two spoons with heroin residue and two syringes in the woman's purse

and three needles, a spoon and shoelace in the man's front pants pocket.

"As we were bringing him back his pants were coming down," Quarker said to police. "A lady came in a truck and said, 'Let him go; you're trying to rape him.' We told her to call police."

When the employees returned to the restaurant, patrons applauded them. One customer left Dietzel a \$5 tip.

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tion, although extra turn lanes will be added at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile and a new cut-through road will connect Orchard Lake and Northwestern south of the proposed construction site.

"Both communities will be working together," Vagnozzi said.

"We hope to have a productive discussion with West Bloomfield board regarding a comprehensive vision for the two corners," Farmington Hills assistant city manager Steve Brock said.


Also under consideration, Brock said, will be the possible widening of Maple Road to help ease traffic congestion in the area.

Hood said the two boards will look at having a consistency of design of buildings along the corridor.

"Personally, I'd like to see some sort of architectural standards," Hood said. Not "cookie cutter," Hood said, "but maybe we can agree on the type of building material."


"This is something that maybe we need to discuss," Hood said.

**Talk of the towns**




On the air: Jimmy Barrett, right to left, of WXYT shares a laugh with Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Mayor JoAnne McShane and Farmington Observer Editor Dave Varga during last Thursday's "First Thursday Town Meeting" at Ginopolis on the Grill in Farmington Hills. Guests spent two hours talking about issues in the two towns with hosts Barrett and Varga on WXYT-FM-1270.

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In another corner of the room, two boys whoop it up with a bunch of sponges that connect like Legos or building blocks. The two make rat-tat-tat sounds as they pretend to shoot at one another with their self-made foam machine guns.

"You can't make guns... that's violence; You can't do that," warned Ashley McCants, 8, a third grader.

A resource room supervisor quickly disarms them by telling the pair they can't make weapons from the sponges. A few minutes later, one of them proudly parades what resembles an antenna-antlered deer made from the same pieces.

McCants settles in front of an ear-piercing game of "Hopppin' Boppin' Spaceballs," which sends the diminutive spheres crashing into a gum machine-like plastic covering. She plays away and sings with the noise while another girl points to it to indicate the source of all the racket.

As for the kids in the toy box, kids and supervisors are unanimous. With trepidation, they pull out a graphics game, "Spray FX," that produces a mind-numbing squall when turned on.

"It gives me the creeps," Alkema said.

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