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needs of our customers."

Many people in Farmington and Farmington Hills rely on such transportation.
Lauboff said that there were about 8,000
Dial-A-Rides in those cities combined in
1997. Because the program included Livonia
and Northville, however, some residents did
not always receive quick, curbside cab service. Complaints about poor response time
have been issued in front of both city counrils.

cils.

"When we decide who will be the cab service we contract with, service will be No. 1,"
Lauhoff emphasized. "We want better response time, no waiting. There just aren" too many cab services out there who can provide this kind of service."

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SMART decision

The Dial-A-Rides for seniors and disabled residents are partially subsidized by the

Farmington City Council members recent-

ly voted to transfer approximately \$16,000 in combined 1998-99 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation municipal and community credits to the Farmington Hills transportation department – which will operate the new Dial-A-Ride program.

Lauhoff said Farmington Hills' portion typically is about 10 times as much as Farm-ington's.

Municipal credits are distributed by SMART to communities; community credits are collected by the Oakland County Public Transit Authority through the one-third mill public transportation tax.

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tal before being airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital where she died. Her husband suffered facial cuts from flying

glass.

Her husband fought with the deer while trying to remove the nnimal.

Traffic accidents involving

Traffic accidents involving deer are not uncommon, especially in outstate rural areas. Last year, there were 65,000 incidents reported statewide. Smith said he's seen several collisions involving deer while a trooper in Jackson County, especially during the fall.

"It really picks up around dusk when this accident hap-

pened. That's when deer are moving," Smith said. "That's when motorists have to be really careful."

There is a deer population in Farmington, said naturalist Joe Derck. He estimates there are at least a dozen between the city's two major nature parks Woodland and Heritage.

The number in the area could be anywhere from 50 to 100. He's getting reports of fawns.

"That means they are surviving here," Derck said.

Part of the problem is residents are feeding deer, which makes them stay. This time of year is also the height of breed-

2 'When you see that first deer, there are usually others. People see the first one and say, 'Oh I missed that one.' They don't see the second or third one, and that's usually the one they hit.'

Joe Derek —Farmington Hills naturalist

Derek said.

"When you see that first deer, thore are usually others," he said. "People see the first one and say, 'Oh I missed that one.'

ing season when bucks chase

They don't see the second or
does and are not as cautious,
third one and that's usually the one they hit.

"The normal deer is about 150 pounds and it makes a bigger impact than hitting a raccoon."

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Meanwhile, Barrett couldn't help but shake his head in amazement over Friday's pep rally. It was highlighted, as

usual, by the "Pied Piper" rou-tine where members of the marching band, cheerleaders and pompon squad led all other students from the building to the football field.



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