

50 cent senior cab service needs riders

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON — The "Senior Special" is being ignored by many of Farmington's senior citizens, despite being the best ride bargain in town.

The cab service, which takes those

62 and over anywhere in town for 50 cents, with some proof of age, is lacking riders even with an expanded, five-day service.

City Manager Robert Deadman told the city council recently the cab ser-

vice was averaging only four rides a day.

THE SERVICE is available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, from Monday through Friday, during the current experimental period.

The "senior special" was started, originally one day a week, in an effort by the city to improve transportation for the city's senior citizens.

Riders can call Suburban Checker Cab and Red and Yellow Cab, of Livonia, and be picked up at the door or while at some other location in town.

The service has been most heavily used on Wednesdays, but only 8-13 riders used it on peak days, according to a survey.

THE PROGRAM has been running 22 days so far.

It has cost the city \$58 to subsidize it.

The council is expected to make a decision in June on whether to continue it.

"We believe the program is providing transportation to a small segment of our senior citizens population," Deadman said.

He indicated the city will attempt to survey the senior citizens to find out if the seniors are actually more mobile than was originally thought.

Lottery show coming to town

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FARMINGTON — Michigan's traveling circus of chance arrives in Farmington Hills May 16, at the Botsford Inn.

Like circus advance men of old, Michigan lottery officials are beating the drums before the big show opens its tent.

The \$75,000 "showmobile" owned by the lottery commission travels from town to town, stopping once a week to open its door on the glittering hopes inside.

The hydraulically-controlled door opens on the clear plastic drum loaded with numbered balls. A selection process picks from the 150 pounds of balls to choose the winning number.

The participants will win from \$10,000 to \$200,000, depending on the spin of the plastic drum.

The entries for the lottery will be picked shortly before the drawing. The weekly drawing determines thousands of weekly winners who win \$25 and a shot at the million-dollar drawing, as well as the \$5,000 second chance winners and the super winners, who are then invited to a super drawing, conducted immediately after each weekly drawing.

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Conservative Jews set May meeting

The Michigan Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will hold their annual spring conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7 and 8.

Theme of the conference to be held at the new Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills is: "With an Understanding Heart."

Mrs. Harold Leaf of Roslyn, New York, national vice-president will be the consultant speaker.

Mrs. Irving Chaiken of Southfield, Michigan Branch President said:

"The committee is doing its utmost to make this a unique learning experience."

"There will be workshops, original skits, and a panel discussion."

"Committees are planning a delicious luncheon and plenty of good old-fashioned sisterhood sociability."

Members of the committee are Mesdames Eugene Tapfer, Carl R. Lichtenstein, Leon Sears and Bernard Whiteman.

Bridge games set at center

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schwehr host bridge games at the Farmington Community Center the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 8 p.m.

Bridge classes will start at the center Wednesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. Duplicate hands will be played to help the experienced player to improve bidding and response and to add understanding of Goren's methods and conventions.

Historical Society to meet April 24

The Farmington Historical Society will meet Wednesday, April 24 to hear "A Memoir of Mrs. Imogene Bickling." The group meets at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

The program will be led by Lee Peel who will feature a tape made by Mrs. Bickling in May, 1970, just a little over a year before she died.

On dean's list

Miss Mary Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Williams, 25881 Yonge St., has been named to the dean's list at Concordia Teacher's College, Illinois. Miss Williams earned a 3.5 grade point average, on a 4 point scale, for the honor.

In college play

Aprille Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jordan, 33605 State, Farmington, is a cast member of the play "Happyness," by Dr. Samuel Greenman, instructor of speech and theatre at Albion College.

Teachers honored

Cecelia Beale, 909 Michigan, and Larry Capo, 35381 Longwood, both of Farmington, have been honored in the graduate teaching awards program at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.



TWO OF THE LEAD CHARACTERS in the Farmington Players next production are Teri Kellen and Kevin McNelly. The players are in final rehearsal now of Eugene O'Neill's comedy, "Ah, Wilderness" set to open Friday, April 26, in the Players Barn on 12 Mile Rd., between Orchard Lake and Farmington Rd. (Evert photo)

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