

Livonia Business Milestones

Donate toy; get \$1 off at Caribou Coffee

Individuals who donate a new, unwrapped toy to Goodwill Industries at any Metro Detroit Caribou Coffee location, including the one in Livonia, through Dec. 6 will receive \$1 off a beverage redeemable upon a future visit at any area Caribou Coffee location.

In addition, 89X radio disc jockey Cal Cagno will barista at the Livonia Caribou Coffee, 17378 Haggerty, from noon to 1 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. One hundred percent of his tips will go toward Goodwill's mission of helping Goodwill Industries help Metro Detroiters get back to work.

Caribou Coffee is teaming up with 89X and BD's Mongolian Grill for their "12 Days of Christmas" campaign.

Toy and monetary donations can be made at any Metro Detroit Caribou Coffee location and at eight local BD's Mongolian Grill locations.

The new toys donated will be available to purchase at Goodwill Industries' "Santa Shop," for area children whose parents are unemployed and receiving training and education through Goodwill programs. Santa Shop "shoppers" are Goodwill Industries clients who will have the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for

their children at greatly discounted prices.

LIVONIA FIRM HELPS FACTORIES IMPROVE BOTTOM LINE WITH 3D LAYOUT SOFTWARE

Productivity Engineering Services of Livonia has invested in state-of-the-art 3D Factory Layout Software to help clients improve their bottom line.

PES works with manufacturers to create a wide range of accurate factory designs with built-in intelligence that meet their needs. Three-dimensional models provide much more information than two-dimensional drawings, improving design communication and promoting collaboration which helps to discover potential layout design problems prior to construction and operation, said Jeffrey H. Miller, founder and principal of PEServices.

"Better layouts in the digital world lead to better performance in the real world," he said. "Whether you're re-engineering current operations or planning a new facility, PES' extensive experience coupled

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with 3D CAD technology can help get your plant into production sooner with fewer potential problems providing a real competitive advantage.”

Miller has more than 25 years of experience helping companies make their operations leaner and more productive. He has master's and bachelor's degrees in industrial and systems engineering from the University of Michigan. He is also certified in lean manufacturing by the University of Michigan Center for Professional Development.

Productivity Engineering Services was founded in 1991. For more information, visit <http://www.pessolutions.com/> or e-mail jmiller@PESSolutions.com.

DERMATOLOGIST OFFERS FREE SCREENING

Somerset Dermatology Institute in Livonia is offering free skin cancer screening for new patients. On staff are Dr. Khaled El-Hoshy M.D., and Certified Physician Assistant Julie Boag. Somerset Dermatology is at 14555 Levan, Suite 410. Call (734) 462-9499 for an appointment.

EDWARD JONES OFFICE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Edward Jones office at 33470 Lyndon, Suite 200, in Livonia will hold a Holiday Open House 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, as a thank you to clients, friends and the community. Refreshments will be served.

Marc T. VanSolkema is the financial

adviser; Judy Gross is the branch office administrator. RSVP by calling (734) 591-1170.

PLANET FITNESS HOLDS FOOD DRIVE

Planet Fitness Livonia, located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt, is holding a food drive in an effort to provide approximately 2,250 meals to those in need this holiday season. For every three cans of food members or nonmembers donate, they will receive a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win one of three year-long memberships. The winning numbers will be posted in the gym Dec. 20. The food will be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit. For more information, call (248) 427-0043.

BRIGHTHOUSE OFFERS TV APP FOR THE IPAD

Bright House Networks customers can now enjoy their iPad and TV at the same time with the new Bright House TV App for the iPad. The Bright House TV App, available

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for download to Bright House Networks customers at no additional charge, allows customers to watch live TV on their iPad in any room of their home.

With the new TV app, viewers can flip through the channel listings and watch what's currently on with just a slide and tap of the fingertip. Viewers can enjoy dozens of channels on a variety of programming networks, including A&E, Discovery, Lifetime, Cartoon Network, SyFy, CNN, Disney Channel, TLC, History, Travel Channel, USA, AMC and more.

To use the iPad app, Bright House Networks customers need to download the app from Apples iTunes store. Once the app is downloaded, viewers can access Bright House TV directly from the iPad's touchscreen by tapping the icon and entering their Bright House Networks username and password.

More information about the new iPad TV app and other services from Bright House Networks is available at brighthouse.com.

Bright House Networks is a cable service provider serving Livonia. It has an office at 14525 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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