

Time Warner Cable to be Bright House Networks

Bright House Networks will be the new name of Time Warner Cable of Michigan, effective April 1.

The change was announced today by Robert A. McCann, Vice President of the company.

McCann, who continues in the same role that he held when the company was known as Time Warner Cable, explained that the name change is the final step in the transfer of day-to-day management of the company to Advance/Newhouse, following a restructuring of the partnership of the Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership.

"In keeping with our customer-service focus, we set out to find a memorable name that would clearly communicate the benefits consumers will enjoy from our services," said McCann, who brings 23 years of cable leadership to Michigan.

"Our customers increasingly want to experience the best of information and entertainment, on their terms, in the comfort of their homes. This is the essence of what Bright House Networks is, and what we are dedicated to delivering."

McCann said Bright House customers will continue to enjoy the Time Warner Cable heritage of state-of-the-art systems capabil-

ity of delivering all the technology consumers want and need, as well as the robust programming they have come to expect.

"Our employees have been working for years as Time Warner Cable, developing their expertise in these local communities and keeping our customers happy," McCann said. "Our valued customers can have the comfort of knowing these are the same people who have served them well."

McCann pledged that under the new ownership, Bright House Networks would strive to be even more flexible and customer-focused.

"Our goal is to be different

from typical cable companies. A company comprised of bright, enthusiastic and knowledgeable people whose quest is to deliver products and services that will enrich our customers' lives and empower them to utilize those products how and when they want. That is what defines a Bright House, we're not just a new company, a 'bright house' is a whole new kind of home where people enjoy the best in entertainment and information services how and when they want."

Bright House customers can look for new offerings later this year, including:

- On-demand products
- New, high-value programming tiers
- Enhanced customer service
- Future availability of Digital Video Recorders, allowing digital customers to pause or rewind live television and record programs for future viewing
- High definition television (HDTV) services being introduced this spring

"These products and services build upon our recent efforts to put customers more in control

of their information and entertainment," said McCann.

"Moving forward, we will continue to develop and bring forward new products and services that put our customers first, including more convenient service times, new, simplified avenues for communicating with us such as enhanced web services."

Bright House Networks is managed by Advance/Newhouse, a privately held company headquartered in Syracuse, New York.

Advance/Newhouse are the prior owners of the Michigan cable properties that were known as MetroVision.

Hills woman runs to aid diabetes research

Barb Coulter was stricken with Type I diabetes as a child, but that hasn't stopped her from living a full life.

"They told me I couldn't have kids and now I have two beautiful children," the Farmington Hills resident said.

"Thanks to the American Diabetes Association and the doctors who made living with diabetes more manageable, Coulter decided to give back not long ago."

Coulter decided to repay those who helped make a difference with the disease by running and walking to raise money for the ADA, as a member of Team Diabetes.

Despite the physical limitations of the disease, Coulter trained last year to run in January's Team Diabetes marathon in Disney World.

She stuck out the 26.2-mile marathon, running when she could and walking when she

couldn't. But she finished and raised \$3,500 for the ADA.

"I always wanted to run a marathon and I wanted to do something that would promote the ADA," she said.

Mary Riegle, director of development for the Southeast Michigan chapter of the ADA, said Coulter faced a lot of "doubting Thomases" when she decided to participate in the marathon.

"But the fact is she did it," Riegle said. "She's making a difference in the community. I wish we had more volunteers with her passion."

Coulter, 37, was among only a handful of people with diabetes who ran.

Unfortunately, the ADA has decided to end the program. Marathon fund-raisers have been facing setbacks with the threat of war and the downturned economy.

So the upcoming Team Diabetes marathon in Kona, Hawaii, will be the last for a while, and Coulter plans to be

there. She and her husband, Stephen, have two children, Makenzie, 10, and Stephen Jr., 7.

She hopes to raise \$4,500 on June 22, when she'll face the same 26.2-mile test, and is asking for community support.

"I just wanted to help," Coulter said, pointing out she has to take several insulin injections a day to keep her blood sugar levels in check.

"It's my turn to give back."

To donate a tax-deductible contribution in honor of Coulter's run in June, make checks payable to the American Diabetes Association and send to: American Diabetes Association, 30300 Telegraph, Ste. 117, Bingham Farms, 48025, Attn: Barb's Run for the Disease.

Call the ADA at 1-888-342-2383 or visit its Web site at www.diabetes.org

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Despite living with Type I diabetes, Barb Coulter runs marathons to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

Meetings focus on special, global education issues

The public will have a choice of two meetings at the Farmington Training Center Thursday, both of which start at 7 p.m.

Sen. Laura Joy (R-Livonia) and State Rep. Aldo Vignozzi (D-Farmington Hills) will report on special education funding - what is happening now and what, if anything, might be expected in the future. The meeting is hosted by the Farmington Special Education Forum.

Joy has a family member with special needs, according to Marie Hiller, a forum representative.

Also at 7 p.m., the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council presents "Educating for a Global Perspective." This program will feature Jerry Fouchey, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development, and Samir Haddad, Director of Bilingual Education and Special Projects. Both work for Farmington Public Schools. This program is designed to help the public better understand what the school district is doing to help students better understand world affairs.

The Farmington Training Center is at 33000 Thomas St., north of Grand River in downtown Farmington.

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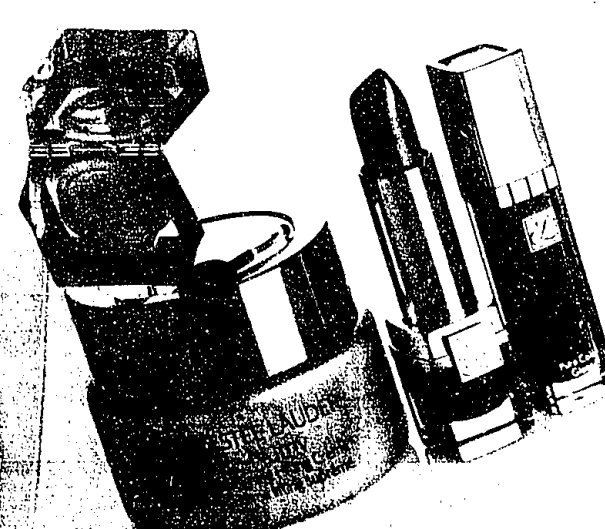
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