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## Officials spent 20 hours emptying offices

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Security videos obtained from the Plymouth Township Police Department have given rise to numerous questions and concern regarding the actions of two former elected officials who spent the last 20 hours of their terms shredding documents and removing items from their township offices.

According to video evidence obtained through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by The Eagle, former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and former Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman were recorded removing unknown materials and numerous large clear plastic bags from township hall.

Both former officials, defeated in the November election, were required by law to vacate their offices in the municipal premises by noon Nov. 20. Several time-stamped surveillance devices show the pair exiting and re-entering the building during a 20-hour period from 3 p.m. Nov. 19 until 9 a.m. Nov. 20. Each appears leaving carrying bags or items and then returning almost immediately thereafter through the front entrance door near the police department.

Also appearing on the sur-

veillance tapes are other unknown individuals who appear to be assisting the former officials in their marathon venture. Motion-activated security video frames include images of a small dog going in and out of the building along with a jogging female, apparently aiding Conzelman.

At the end of the security footage, shortly after 9 a.m. Monday morning, Edwards is seen turning off the lights and carrying out what appears to be a chrome plated shovel.

Last month, after being on the job for only six days, newly-elected Township Supervisor Kurt Hise told members of the Plymouth Concerned Citizens group that he and the other recently elected officials had discovered an unusual number of missing records and files in their respective departments. He theorized that the records may have been digitized but said the incoming officials found many empty file drawers and records binders, which caused some inconvenience and frustration during the transition.

There was no indication of the disposal of the numerous bags and other items removed from the township offices but it appears that all the items were removed from municipal property.



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Surveillance cameras at Plymouth Township Hall recorded Ron Edwards and Nancy Conzelman emptying their offices for more than 20 hours Nov. 19 and 20.

## Fond farewell

### Northville honors 30-year career of safety director

John Werth stood in front of the Northville Township Board of Trustees one final time and took a short breath.

He had just finished extolling the virtues of a police department that is celebrating its 50th anniversary, having evolved from a one-person staff to one of the most highly regarded agencies in the State of Michigan. There was just one more thing to do.

"Mr. Manager," he said, his voice breaking with emotion, "my tour is done."

With that, he made official his retirement from the department that he had served for more than 30 years, first as a patrolman, then a sergeant, chief of police and finally director of public safety. Both departments have evolved as the township itself has changed since Werth started May 31, 1985, and are well-poised to meet the challenges of the future said Township Manager Chip Snider. Snider, the former township police chief and director of public safety, promoted Werth to the chief position and has worked closely with him for nearly two decades.

"His legacy is strong," said Snider. "He's left a tremendous department behind him. We've worked together, we've mourned together, we've suffered together and some of that was difficult-but it was all worth it to get to where we are tonight."



Retiring Public Safety Director John Werth, at podium, surrounded by members of his department told the Northville Board of Trustees "My watch is done," at his final meeting last week. Photo by Shaun J. Nicollet

Northville Township was still largely an institutional community when Werth's father, recently retired from the Detroit Police Department, moved the family there in 1978. When Werth joined the police department seven years later, the Northville Psychiatric Hospital was still open and active, the state mental hospital was still in operation and the Robert Scott Correctional Facility was under construction. Those facilities are closed now, awaiting development or already torn down.

Meanwhile, the population in the township nearly doubled. Beginning during his time as police chief in 2001 and public

safety director in 2007, Werth helped raise the bar in both departments, pushing education and training and bringing Advanced Life Support to the community. When he was elected president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) last year, he pushed for the adoption of standards that would make the township department an accredited agency. It is now in line to become the first department in Michigan to be accredited through the MACP standards for the accreditation of police departments-standards which he helped adopt based on a

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## County sheriff will patrol Wayne streets

Motorists in Wayne would be well advised to obey the speed limits and traffic laws as there is a new sheriff in town.

Members of the Wayne City Council recently approved an agreement with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to patrol the city streets and issue tickets for traffic infractions. The highway and traffic laws agreement was approved by a unanimous vote of the council members.

Undersheriff Daniel Pflannes

attended the recent city council meeting and explained the new agreement, noting that the sheriff deputies would be primarily patrolling the main streets in the City of Wayne in an effort to augment the current traffic controls in place with the city police force.

Police Chief Alan Macias said the city and county would patrol and issue citations under the local statutes.

There will be no cost to the

city for the patrols, Pflannes explained, and currently the county department has contracts for similar patrols in neighboring communities including Westland, Garden City and Romulus.

"As the officers have time, they will do traffic stops and controls," Pflannes said. Under the new agreement, 50 percent of the fines for traffic infractions would come back to the city and the other half go to the sheriff's department.

Pflannes, no stranger to the area, served with the Westland Police Department for 25 years prior to his appointment as undersheriff in Wayne County in 2007.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is the third largest law enforcement agency in the state.

There was no opposition to the intergovernmental agreement which will become effective within the next few weeks.



# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Northville board appoints new trustee



Richard Allen takes the oath of office from Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand following his unanimous appointment to the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Richard Allen to fill the vacancy on the board left by the sudden death of Marvin Gans.

Board members approved the nomination made by Township Supervisor Robert Nix at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Nix noted Allen's previous service on the board of trustees and his more than 30 years on the township planning commission.

"Several people approached the township about assuming the empty board seat. It was important to me to nominate someone who represents the same constituency as Mr. Gans did so ably and for so long. I also wanted someone who I would

be the ground running, who was knowledgeable about how the township runs and was familiar with the big issues facing the township. Mr. Allen is of the same generation and has championed many of the same projects; in short, he matches all these needs," Nix said.

Allen accepted the nomination and Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand administered the oath of office during the meeting.

This was the last regular meeting of the board members at which the seat could be filled by vote of the board of trustees. Michigan law gives appointment authority to the trustees for 45 days after a seat is vacated. After 45 days, authority is passed to the County Board of

Commissioners, and then to the Governor's office. Appointees serve until the next general election, which will be in November 2018.

Allen is a longtime resident of Northville Township. He served two terms on the Northville Township Board of Trustees, more than 30 years on the planning commission, and has been on the economic development and Brownfield commissions, the historic district commission, parks and recreation commission, Friends of Thayer's Park committee, and Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission. He and his wife, Pat, live in the Northville Hills subdivision. Their son, Jim, currently serves on the Northville City Council.

## Plymouth officials to sell snow machine

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

It took the new officials in Plymouth Township only 3 minutes to approve the sale of the controversial snow machine purchased by the previous administration.

Members of the township board of trustees unanimously approved a motion to sell the snow-making device which was purchased in February and delivered in March of last year.

The machine, a SMI Pole Cat Snow Gun, was purchased direct-

ly from a Midland manufacturing company in response to an avid proposal from former Treasurer Ron Edwards who insisted on the immediate purchase of the \$21,620 unit he had personally selected for the Plymouth Township Park sledding hill. He claimed he needed as much time as possible for testing the machine, making immediate action on the purchase necessary. His motion for the expense was approved by a 4-3 vote with Trustees Bob Doroshevitz, Chuck Curmi and Mike Kelly casting the opposing votes while

former Supervisor Richard Reaume, Edwards, defeated Clerk Nancy Coselman and the late Trustee Kay Arnold acquiesced to his urgings. All four of the officials were facing a recall petition drive at the time.

Those opposed to the purchase noted the national statistics which show that there are more than 20,000 sledding accidents resulting in injuries annually, a statistic Edwards dismissed peremptorily. In March 2015, Edwards personally accepted delivery of the machine at the township DPW building from a

special flat bed truck required to transport the huge device.

Subsequently, township officials were notified that extensive funding would be required for new water lines, plumbing installation, hydraulic pumps and 3-phase electrical wiring to make the snow machine operable. At the time of purchase, officials did not know if sufficient water pressure was available at the site to power the machine.

When the machine was finally operational, neighbors in the adjoining subdivision complained of the continuous drone

of the blowers and pumps keeping them awake as the machine operated throughout the night to provide adequate snow for the hill.

Township Supervisor Kurt Helso had board members at the Tuesday meeting he wanted the machine gone and already had potential leads for buyers. Without fanfare, Doroshevitz read the motion to sell the device and Trustee Gary Heitman quickly seconded it.

The motion was presented and unanimously approved in less than 3 minutes.

## Christmas at the White House exhibit continues

Abraham Lincoln would go out shopping on Christmas Eve each year to buy toy soldiers for his son. Calvin Coolidge hosted the first National Tree Lighting Ceremony in 1923.

Those hits of White House holiday trivia and much more fill the Yuletide at the White House exhibit that will continue at the Plymouth Historical Museum through Dec. 31.

The holiday exhibit was inspired by the traditions of the past presidents, first

ladies and their families, noted museum Executive Director Elizabeth Kerstens in a website statement.

"After the success of the First Ladies-Fashion Shows exhibit, it seemed only natural to turn the focus toward the White House holiday traditions," said Kerstens.

She added that the First Families have a lot of fascinating stories to share. Vignettes throughout the museum highlight the different personalities of the presidents and visitors can discover the

early celebrations of George Washington's time when it wasn't all about children and presents-Christmas was for adults with merry-making, hunting and games. Classic scenes like Franklin Delano Roosevelt reading Charles Dickens to his family by the fire are presented.

Kerstens said the featured antique toys, doll house furniture and banks on loan from a local collector are of special interest and that visitors can also enjoy dis-

plays of antique wintery gear for sledding, skating, skiing and snowshoeing.

Old holiday recipes and Christmas cards are also on display, Kerstens said.

The museum is located at 155 South Main St. just north of downtown Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-17. The display is open from 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The museum will be closed Christmas and New Years Day.

## Werth

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similar program from New Jersey.

Not bad, considering he almost went into hotel and restaurant management.

"I wasn't interested in going into law enforcement when I went to college," he said. He did earn a criminal justice minor, though, and after graduating from the police academy at Jackson College, took a chance and applied in Northville Township.

"Look what happened," he said. "It's been a good choice."

Werth said he gives credit to the board of trustees, which has always supported the police and fire departments through the years, for their assistance in growing the departments into well-respected

agencies. He counts among his best accomplishments the fact that Northville has a highly-educated public safety department that will soon be an accredited agency.

"You always want to leave something better than when you started," he said. "This is one of the finest public safety agencies you'll ever see and I am very proud of it."

The meeting last Thursday also served to hand the torch to Werth's successor, Todd Mutchler. Mutchler joined the department earlier this year as deputy director of police services, after a long and distinguished career with Canton Township.

"I guarantee he will guide this department well into the future," said Werth of the former director of public safety in Canton. "We got the right person at the right time."

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide reasonable, accessible auditory aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting held upon notice in the Charter Township of Canton.

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 5, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Burdon.

#### Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Baran, Linda Chast, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Rescoe.

#### Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Valley D. Haveloff

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Blair Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

Excused: Ellen L. Craig-Bark, Clerk

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# INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Inkster installs first city 'Little Library'

Little Libraries are a global phenomenon and the small, front-yard book exchanges number 36,000 around the world in 70 countries - from Iceland to Tasmania to Pakistan. Now, a new Little Free Library at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middlebelt will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

Little Free Library is a non-profit organization that supports the worldwide movement to offer free books housed in small containers to members of the local community. Residents can stop at any Little Free Library and choose a book to take home. Once finished, the book should

be returned from the little library where it was obtained, or to one in a different area. The library needs the help of the community to survive, the idea behind it is to "Take a Book, Leave a Book." This is an entirely free service but it is supported by the donation of books from members of the community. Residents who have a spare book or two should take them to the library, and leave them behind when you make your selection. Those who have a large number of books to donate can contact [alebo@cityofinkster.com](mailto:alebo@cityofinkster.com) to make arrangements. The little library was built and donated to the Inkster Police Department by a member of the Boy Scouts of America

Great Lakes Field Council. The location at the recreation complex was chosen due to the high volume of people who visit the complex. If successful, officials said they will look into placing additional libraries in local neighborhoods to increase citizens' ease of access.

Our Little Free Library doesn't just belong to us; it belongs to the whole city. Our primary goal to encourage youth to read and it's our hope that this Little Free Library will bring a little more joy, a little more connection and a whole lot more books to our community," said Inkster Police Chief William Riley.

"I want the community to utilize the little free library to encourage literacy to try and

increase our scholastic levels. Reading is fundamental and a key principle that is used in our lives daily that is why this initiative is so important, so our youth have to know and understand that," noted Craig Lewis, Inkster Parks and Recreation program manager.

The Little Free Library non-profit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association, and Reader's Digest named them one of the "50 Surprising Things We Love about America." Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries. To learn more, visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).



## Wayne Chamber of Commerce presents awards

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce recently announced several annual award winners during the annual Holiday Luncheon.

Chamber President Don Nicholson said, "Every one of our winners has set a great example of what a good business does to be involved in the community."

The Service Group of the Year award went to Wayne Main Street, for their continued support of the downtown business community.

Nicholson said the chamber members also wanted to thank Lindsey Wooten for her leadership of the group and the efforts to help small businesses in the city.

Hellum Studios was chosen as the Small Business of the Year. "Owners Kim (White-Jenkins) and Dave (Jenkins) have gone beyond running a good business. Kim and Dave are involved in multiple projects in the community, as well as organizing events to bring people to the Wayne," Nicholson said.

Donner Ford was chosen as the Large Business of the Year.

"We all know if there is anything going on in town, Donner Ford and the Donner family are right there helping out. Supporting nonprofits, donating money, and sometimes volunteering with time," Nicholson said.

"The chamber also honored two people with service awards. Bob Pugh who has been a Chamber of Commerce Board

member and treasurer for a number of years.

"Bob will be stepping down the end of December. Bob has been a great addition to our board and has worked many additional hours as our volunteer staff carried the weight of the chamber for the last two years," Nicholson said.

"Ken Miller served our board for the last two years. Ken has served as our vice president. Ken is stepping down due to

his job responsibilities with his employer, STEE. We like to call Ken our super networker. Ken is very well known throughout the Wayne County area," Nicholson said.

"Our community is better because we have these people and others in it. Please tell them thank you for their support to the community and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce," Nicholson concluded in a prepared statement.

## Holiday decorating contest will end Saturday

The "All American Holiday Decorating Contest" is now under way in Westland and will continue until midnight on Saturday, Dec. 24. Residents can visit the City of Westland website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all

of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominations will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

Entries will also be accepted

from posts on twitter or Instagram, tagging @CityofWestland and using the hashtag #westlandholi.

Anyone can go onto the website, view the entries and vote for their favorite holiday decorating

display. Voting will close at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Winners will be announced and awarded prizes at the Jan. 9 meeting of the Westland City Council.

"One of my favorite memories of the holidays growing up in

Westland was driving around with my parents to look at the holiday lights and decorations," commented Mayor William Wild. "We have a lot of creative, festive residents here and I am excited to see what everyone comes up with."

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### 1. Obituaries



CARL IRVINE BRYANT

Carl Irvine Bryant, 68, of Northville, died Dec. 18, 2016. Mr. Bryant was the beloved husband of Kimberly Bryant, loving father of Kevin (Vicky) Bryant, Michael (Michelle) Bryant, Robert (Zoe) Adler and Brandi Adler; dearest grandfather of Liam Bryant, Lucy Bryant, Kevin Trend, Clara Bryant, Zachary Bryant, Minnie Adler, Phoebe Adler and Otto Adler. He is also survived by his brothers Gary Bryant and Russell Snyder. Mr. Bryant was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lorina Bryant, and his brother, David Snyder.

Services took place yesterday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Township. His cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, in lieu of flowers donations may be made to U of M Hospital, [www.mimemorial.com](http://www.mimemorial.com)

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# BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

## Chamber sets annual awards dinner date

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Holiday Party and Silent Auction is planned for Jan. 21, 2017.

This year, the event will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and tickets are priced at \$50 per person. The ticket price includes a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine.

Tables of eight can be purchased at a discount rate of \$360, officials said.

The evening will include an awards ceremony during which the recipients of the Tod Kuckelman, Leona Van Buhler and Business of the Year awards will be honored. Entertainment will be provided by Dueling

Pianos and a silent auction is also planned as part of the evening. Chamber of Commerce membership awards will also be presented.

Chamber officials are currently accepting items that can be used as part of the silent auction. Donated items can be picked up for the convenience of local mer-

chants or businesses, officials said. Anyone making a donation will be acknowledged at the event. "Without the generous support of numerous individuals and businesses, these events would not be possible," noted Paul Henning, executive director of the chamber in a prepared statement.

"Mark your calendar now to

attend! Invite your family and friends for a night filled with good food, good company and many laughs. It is also a great time to congratulate and celebrate with our award recipients," Henning continued.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the chamber office at (734) 697-7151.

## Holiday spirit Students give back to area charities

Students at Romulus Community Schools have taken the adage, "It is better to give than to receive" to heart and are putting those words into action.

Prior to Thanksgiving the Romulus Eagle varsity basketball team volunteered their time at the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor. The team prepared meals for 29 families who were staying at the house while their children received medical treatment at the University of Michigan hospital.

The National Honor Society from Romulus High also helped in the kitchen and served food, at the Romulus House. Restaurants annual free Thanksgiving dinner. Although the meal is free, donations are accepted to assist with providing local families with Christmas gifts through the Goodfellow organization.

The Romulus Youth Leadership Movement coordinated the annual canned food drive at Romulus Middle School. The group hosts a school-wide collection of non-perishable food items during November and December. The food is then delivered to the Helping Hands of Romulus where they distribute the food to nearly 50 local families to

assist with holiday meals.

Romulus Elementary School Art Teacher Regan Andrzejewski and Positive Behavior Coach Leticia Horry teamed up to create holiday cards for veterans. The elementary students used their creative talents to design cards that will be delivered to the Veterans

Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor.

*"It is clear that service learning is a priority in our district, and community."*

In a collaborative effort Stephanie Mitchell, Lisa Hollis, and Paul Gray from the transportation department volunteered their time during the community wide "Stuff the Bus" project. Through the final week of November and the first week of December, the school district provided the bus, and community members donated food, clothing, personal care items, toys, and even pet supplies. All of the donations were then

distributed to local charitable organizations. Mark Edwards, coordinator of school relations for Romulus Community Schools said, "It is clear that service learning is a priority in our district, and community. Many of our teachers and staff focus on the importance of character education and giving back to the community."



National Honor Society students are all smiles after helping out at the Romulus House free Thanksgiving dinner.



Members of the Romulus Eagles basketball team are ready to help at Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.



Teacher Regan Andrzejewski, right, helps Romulus Elementary students display some of the holiday cards for veterans they made.



Romulus Youth Leadership members at Romulus Middle School show some of the donations to their canned food drive.

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# Calendar of events

## Distinguished alumni sought

Nominations are being sought for the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate award. Nominations will be accepted for the annual honor until Jan. 31. The Distinguished Graduate Award is an annual honor that recognizes Belleville High School graduates who have distinguished themselves in business or profession, or have contributed to the welfare and progress of the community.

Nominees must have graduated prior to 2006. The selected honoree, or family member in the case of the posthumous award, will be invited to attend the National Honor Society induction ceremony April 28, when the award will be presented.

Nomination forms are available on the website of the Van Buren Public Schools and at the school administration building.

## Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734) 479-4230 or access [www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com](http://www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com).

## Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit [www.romulus.lib.mi.us](http://www.romulus.lib.mi.us). The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

## Winter clothing collected

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2. Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and

from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth) will also be collecting donations through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 433-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org).

## Candy Cane contest begins

The Romulus Public Library is now accepting entries in the Candy Cane Counting Contest.

Entries will be accepted through Dec. 30 from those 18 and younger who must guess the number of candy canes in the jar. There will be one winner who guesses the total number of canes in the jar. In case of a tie, the library staff will choose a random winner to be announced Jan. 2.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit [www.romulus.lib.mi.us](http://www.romulus.lib.mi.us).

## Trains on display

The Plymouth District Library will be showcasing the splendor of Europe, albeit in 1:87 scale, from 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Dec. 29 - 30 and Jan. 23. The Great Lakes Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts will share their modular H0 scale model railroad, featuring European model trains running through cities and countryside.

The extensive display will consist of interchangeable modules, each measuring 2 by 4 feet. Four trains can be run simultaneously in a circular manner, cutting through European countries and landmarks, such as a German beer garden, the Berlin wall and a Dutch windmill.

There is no admission charge for this library display. It is made possible by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. The library is located at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

For more information about the library exhibit, call (734) 433-0700.

## Parents' Night Out offered

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is offering a Parents' Night Out winter break with a program for children from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 29.

For a \$25 per child fee, the center will provide pizza, pop at three hours of entertainment for children ages 4-14.

Registration is available at the awards

office, between noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To register for activities, call (734) 927-4095 by Dec. 28.

PARC is located in the former Central Middle School, 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

## Santaland Diaries on stage

The Tipping Point Theatre will present THE SANTALAND DIARIES by David Sedaris starring Craig Bentley as Crumpet the Elf.

The play based on the true chronicles of David Sedaris' humorous experience as Crumpet the Elf in Macy's department store.

Only two shows are available; 8 p.m. Dec. 30 and 31. Tickets for the Dec. 30 show are \$35 and tickets for the special New Year's Eve event are \$55, \$40 of which is tax deductible. The Dec. 31 show includes live music after the performance by jazz pianist, Mark LoDuca Sr.

Appetizers from Rocky's will be served along with dessert, wine and a champagne toast close to midnight.

The Santaland Diaries is recommended for those 14 and older as it contains mature content and language, and the secret of Santa is exposed.

The Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 East Cady in Northville. For tickets or information, call (248) 347-0003 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

## New Year's Eve circus show

Come one, come all to see the Detroit Circus at a special New Year's Eve show beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. Talented performers will perform high-flying aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and acrobatics, contortion, juggling, feats of mind-bending strength and acrobatics, as well as a variety of circus sideshow acts.

Each ticket includes one non-alcoholic drink and one popcorn, plus exciting pre-show activities such as: face painting, temporary tattoos, photo-ops and strolling circus entertainers in the lobby starting at 6 p.m. Tickets to this special performance are \$20 each. For tickets or additional information, call (734) 394-5300.

## Museum program planned

The Sanborn Maps will be the topic of a talk by Paul Moll at a program at 5 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Moll will discuss the maps created from 1867 through 2007 to assess fire insurance liability in urbanized areas of the country. Moll will display the maps available of Wayne.

For more information, call (732) 722-0113. The museum is located at 1 Towne Square in Wayne.

## Friends sell used books

The Friends of the Romulus Library will host a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589.

## Strikes For Freedom set

The South Bowl II Out event, dedicated to spreading the message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is planning for 7:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at Wayne Bowl.

The event was started by Printing Plus by United Sox and this year the theme is Strikes for Freedom with a message of hope, love and prosperity.

The team fee of \$100 included a five person team with two games of bowling, shoe rental and a shirt.

There will be a live disc jockey, full kitchen, mystery jackpots and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the local non-profit African American Endowment Fund.

For registration and information, call (734) 495-8889.

## Distinguished young women sought

The next Distinguished Young Woman program will take place March 10 and preparations are already under way to find participants.

An orientation meeting for young women who are juniors in high school will take place Monday, Jan. 23 at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne.

The program format has changed, organizers said, and the program now focuses on junior rather than senior high school students.

Any high school junior who lives in Wayne or Westland can register at any time at [www.distinguishedydw.org](http://www.distinguishedydw.org) and clicking on Apply Now.

Those who enter will be contacted with more detailed information regarding the orientation meeting, organizers said.

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