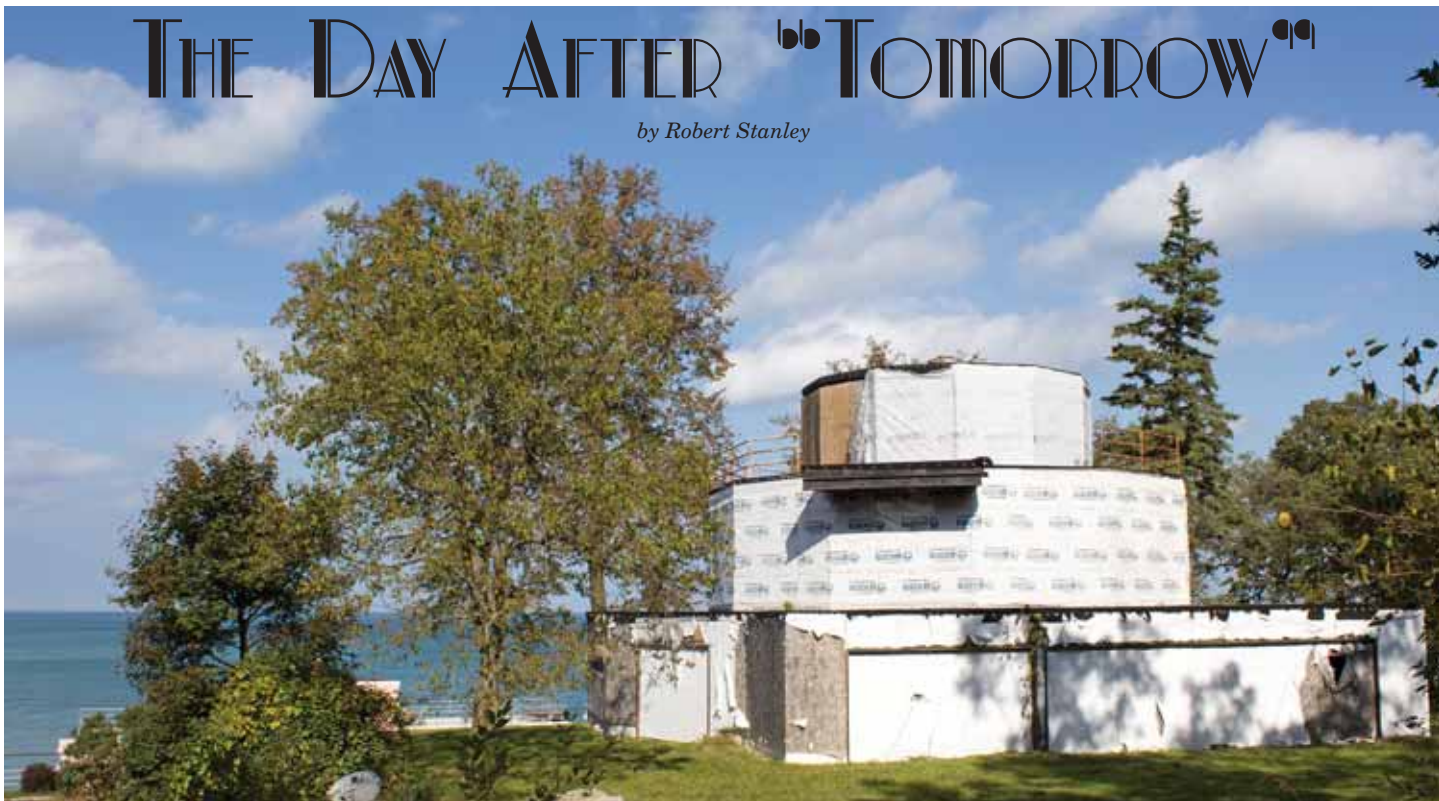




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THE DAY AFTER "TOMORROW"

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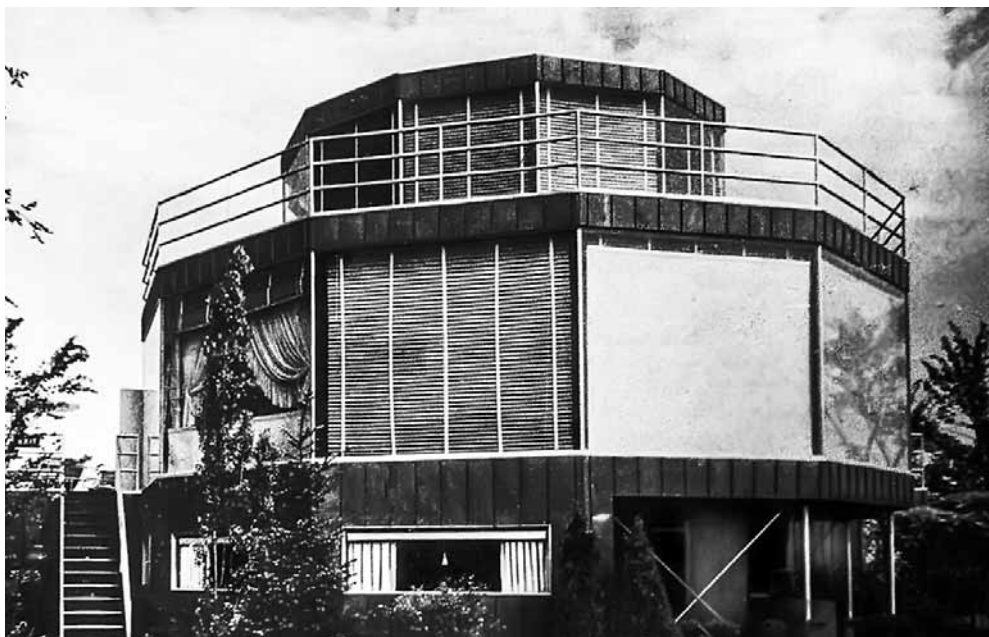
Work continues to restore The House of Tomorrow.

The foremost shocker at the 1933 "Century of Progress" Chicago World's Fair, the attraction that charged extra to enter, was The House of Tomorrow.

Perhaps it was the airplane? The house had two garages: one for a car and one for the airplane it was assumed we all would have in the future. There also was the dish washer that doubled as a clothes washer.

Some of these elements did not show up in the future, while some would need the future to work properly, such as the glass exterior/air conditioning combination.

Nonetheless, The House of Tomorrow made exciting steps



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The House of Tomorrow was the brainchild of architect George Fred Keck.

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forward. It, and other homes at the World's Fair, later made an incredible journey across Lake Michigan to Beverly Shores.

Not long ago, these homes seemed doomed to decay, to be lost forever. But with the collaboration of the National Park Service, Indiana Landmarks and those leasing and repairing the homes, these marvels remain, brainchildren of creative designers and builders.

The first National Treasure in Indiana designated by the National Trust, Indiana Landmarks has joined in the effort to save The House of Tomorrow. With a \$2 million cost, Indiana Landmarks President Marsh Davis said, “Our goal is to preserve this outstanding building and raise awareness and appreciation of The House of Tomorrow, the architect George Fred Keck and The Century of Progress, both regionally and nationally, and to raise the money to make this possible.”

Indiana Landmarks, Davis continued, is counting on “lots” of donations. The House of Tomorrow will join other great modernist masterpieces such as the Farnsworth House in Plano, Ill., and the Glass House in New Canaan, Conn.

As a side benefit, the restoration will contribute to other projects in the United States, training National Trust's H.O.P.E. Crew — young people learning preservation crafts while helping protect historic sites on public lands.

Architecture critic Paul Goldberger points out how special the landmark is.

“The House of Tomorrow...is one of the true early monuments of American modernism, brimming over

with a uniquely American idealism and earnestness about the 20th century,” he said.

“George Fred Keck was...interested in casting his net wide and demonstrating how future architecture would present new ideas about technology, about space, about materials. He put all of this together into a whole that is truly one of a kind.”

Totally clad in glass on the second and third floors, mechanical engineers said that due to the expansive use of glass, the house couldn't be heated. Actually, the level of solar heat gain reduced the need for mechanical heating. Keck said he “discovered” solar heating when he found

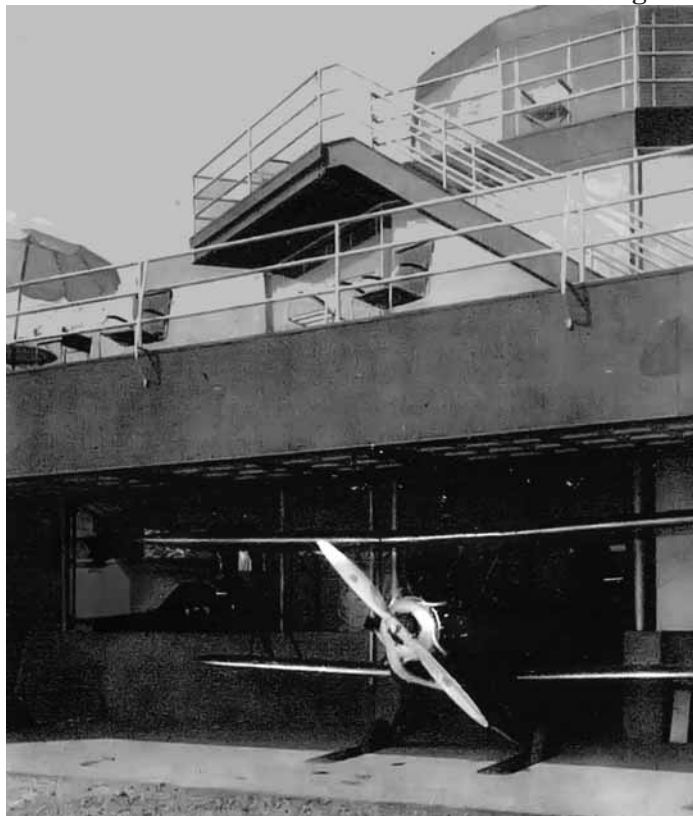
workers inside the house wearing only shirtsleeves one winter day. Still, there was a problem: during the summer, the sunlight was too great for the home's air-conditioning system to handle and it failed, closing the house several times.

The interior is designed around a central staircase, with most rooms radiating off — a very efficient and open design. The house will be restored using today's common thermo-pane windows and a new heating and air-conditioning system. So well designed and strong was the home's steel core, upgrading will cause no problems.

Just how and why did this home, and others at the fair, end up in Beverly Shores? And how do you get a house up onto a dune from Lake Michigan?

The answers are, “Because someone wanted to elevate more than just the houses” and “Carefully.”

The 1933 World's Fair remains a marvel of scientific and engineering feats. “Your Book of the Fair” told arrivals: “*You will enter A Century of Progress for the first time perhaps like an explorer — curious and eager — penetrating an amazingly rumored domain in search of treasure. It well might be, whether*



The House of Tomorrow included a garage/hangar for an airplane.

by day or by night you come, that the veritable bombardment of color and light that greets you may create the illusion of stepping within a giant jewel, its myriad facets flashing countless rays of beauty."

One area, "The Home and Industrial Arts Group," spotlighted houses with advances in modern materials, architecture and interior design. These modern homes made great use of sunlight and open living spaces. With innovations such as air conditioning, central heat and time-saving kitchen appliances, many of these were wonders predicting how we would live in the future. Another goal was the intended affordability of these homes.

Why did the houses travel to the Indiana side of the lake? Developer Robert Bartlett wanted to draw people to his new resort community, Beverly Shores. So, he bought these "myriad facets flashing countless rays of beauty" and transported them by barge across the lake, to continue the excitement they generated at the World's Fair.

Which gets you almost there, but not really *there*. How do you hoist these houses up onto the dunes? It took a series of jacking maneuvers from the barges: hoisted up, ever-higher platforms made of lumber. Photos show the Wieboldt-Rostone House on its barge, and as one of the "parade" of homes being jacked up the dunes.



The Wieboldt-Rostone House.

Each house has unique design and construction. The Wieboldt-Rostone House was framed in steel. The materials that combined to make Rostone, slate and lime came from Indiana, while the chemists and engineers who developed the material came from Purdue University. The first manufacturing plant was built near Riverside, Ind., because a large supply of shale was nearby. Rostone I could be made in many colors and prefabricated to exact shapes and sizes. However, the material did not hold up well. The original Rostone, now covered by a synthetic material, Perma-stone, can only be seen surrounding the front door exterior, the entrance area and around the living room fireplace in the current house.

The Florida House also pointed to the future, constructed from pre-cast concrete. Its exterior and

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interior design, however, were the most influential aspects. "Open" best describes the place, a facet of living that certainly has become more and more important in the modern era. With exterior overhangs, floor-to-ceiling windows and rooftop terraces, living in the open was possible as never before. The interior gently shocked, with its open floorplan and spaciousness.



Observers at the Florida House today.



The living room of the Florida House.

The whole place borrowed modern ideas from the Bauhaus and Le Corbusier, seeing a house as a "machine for living" and "designed from the inside out." Uncrowded, flexible and simple, there would be no cramped rooms, nor tripping over oversized furniture, nor even unnecessary cleaning. Uncluttered cabinets, lack of surface decoration, bathtubs and other built-ins that went all the way down to the floor left few hidden, difficult spaces for dirt to collect. Although this dwelling was designed specifically for subtropical climates, its influence on today's homes is easy to see.

Another home designed for a special site was the Cypress Log Cabin. Intended for a mountain environment, it had a lodge ambience in its interior decorations and its landscaping. None of that was kept when the house was moved to Beverly Shores. Flint Alm and his wife, Jamie, restored the Cypress Log Cabin. Its major original purpose does remain, however, to demonstrate the qualities and uses of cypress. Cypress is



The Cypress Log Cabin.

now seen as a durable building product and often used as natural wood siding and decks.

The Armco-Ferro House was restored by Chris-



The Armco-Ferro House.

toph Lichtenfeld. He noted, "There was water running down, corroding everything. Had anyone known what it would've been like, it would've been condemned or no one would've taken it."

Battling through rusted-out supports and decaying window frames, the Lichtenfelds labored on, enlisting Iron Workers Local 395, which agreed to allow 14 of its apprentices to help with the project. This house incorporates all the Fair Committee's design criteria: new ideas, a house that could be mass-produced and affordable for the average American family. The construction system was totally new, corrugated steel panels bolted together. Porcelain-enameled steel panels made by the Ferro Enamel Corp. created the exterior. A similar construction system was used in the post World War II prefabricated Lustron houses.

All of these homes, with their "Century of Progress" theme, new building materials and new construction techniques, can be seen from the outside at any time. There is off-street parking available, and information in front of each dwelling. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore offers a tour of the interiors each October. More information is available at tinyurl.com/j2uoyj8

Each home deserves to be seen, and preserved for future generations to be seen. They embody our hopes, our past architecture and, most importantly, our creativity.

(Many photos that appear with this article are courtesy of The Beverly Shores Depot Museum.)

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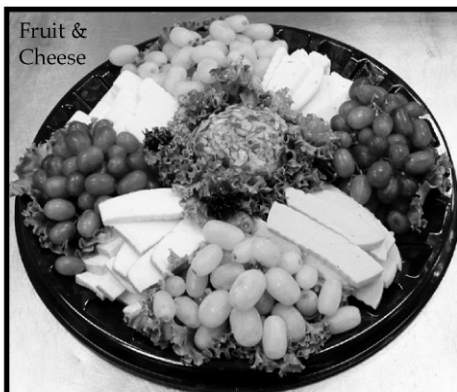
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Marquette Catholic High School's cast rehearses a scene from "A Steampunk Christmas Carol." Photo by Andrew Tallackson

"A Steampunk Christmas Carol"

Marquette Catholic High School's Drama Club will present "A Steampunk Christmas Carol," inspired by the Charles Dickens classic, on Friday through Sunday, Dec. 9-11, in the Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

Show times are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

The play originally was adapted by Darren Tronreau and The Marquette Script Writers. The "Steampunk" adaptation is by Christina Ortega Phillips and director Amy Crane.

The cast is:

- Child 1 — McKenzie Losinski.
- Child 2 — Joey Henrich.
- Child 3 — Eleanor Crane.
- Ebenezer Scrooge — Aidan Armstrong.
- Christmas Past — Jenna Szaday.
- Christmas Present — Tien Phan.
- Christmas Future — Leo Lopez.
- Lady of Charity 1 — Kate Zientarski.
- Lady of Charity 2 — Janae Galburth.
- Marley — Niko Cabela.
- Little Scrooge — Liam Gowan.
- Boy Scrooge — William Crane.
- Fan — Anne Murphy.
- Fezziwig — Javante Blakely.
- Mrs. Fezziwig — Adriann Reynolds.
- Piano player — Declan Lawrence.
- Violin player — Sam Salyer.
- Young Scrooge — Matthew Ruiz.
- Isabelle — Grace Murphy.
- Bob Cratchit — Sidney Mahone.
- Mrs. Cratchit — Haley Housman.
- Tiny Tim — Liam Gowan.
- Peter Cratchit — William Crane.
- Belinda Cratchit — Quinn Larkin.
- Sarah Cratchit — Naya Blakely.
- Martha Cratchit — Justice Lewis.
- Fred — Ben Pizarek.
- Fred's Wife — Cassidy Downs.
- Topper — Matthew Ruiz.
- Party Guest 1 — Javante Blakely.
- Party Guest 2 — Min Park.
- Party Guest 3 — Marissa Delgado.
- Want — Maria Hoang.
- Ignorance — Ava Zientarski.
- Gossip 1 — Anne Murphy.
- Gossip 2 — Nina Kaplan.
- Gossip 3 — Elena Rudzevicius.
- First Woman — Cece Dickson.
- Laundress — Min Park.
- Mrs. Dilber — Scout Steinhiser.
- Old Joe — Adam Pierzakowski.
- Husband — Keegan Long.
- Wife — Natalia Ruiz.
- Turkey Girl — Allyson Henrich.
- Carolers: Eleanor Crane, McKenzie Losinski, William Crane, Grace Murphy, Liam Gowan, Min Parks, Allyson Henrich, Adam Pierzakowski, Joey Henrich, Matthew Ruiz, Maria Hoang and Ava Zientarski.

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This year's concert features La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, directed by Philip Bauman, and special guest artists Charles Steck, North American Brass Company, Maddi Reese Ames, Kyrie Anderson, Cripple Creek and Jenny Hartson, Jenevieve Hayes, Tim King and the LCSO Children's Choir.

The traditional chocolate-dipped pretzels will be sold, as well as other sweets and a Spire Farm to Fork snack menu. Wine, local craft beers, domestic beers, mixed drinks, soda and water will be available at cash bars in the balcony and on the main floor.

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Two young concertgoers stock up on treats from the snack table.

Fund, which supports health and wellness programs, including the Lil' F.I.S.H. Club Program, the Get Fit, Get Active Program and other child-focused initiatives.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Doors open at 6 p.m. the day of the event to give attendees time to check coats and pick out seats. Balcony tickets may still be available the night of the event, but advance tickets are encouraged. Visit holidaypops-la-porte.org for reservations or additional information.



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Popular traditions from the past will return throughout December, including musical performances, cupcake decorating with Uptown Cakery, and kids' crafts. Standard Christmas admission is \$8 per adult and \$5 per youth 15 and younger.

New this year, the mansion has been decorated by local non-profit groups and volunteers. Each room takes a different theme chosen by the groups. Everything from "A Very Victorian Christmas" to "Christmas is for Cardinals" is depicted. Visitors won't want to miss a working train set assembled in the ballroom by Hesston Steam Museum to the theme "All Aboard for the Holidays." The display features the smallest functional steam engine in Hesston's collection.



Visitors decorate cookies last year with staff from Uptown Cakery.

"We were very happy to see the community become more involved in Barker Mansion's Christmas activities," Director Jessica Rosier said. "It was wonderful to have the non-profit groups bring their ideas and creativity to the mansion, especially those groups that brought children to help decorate."

A highlight will include a "Behind the Scenes Tour" at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, which will delve into the mansion's history alongside holiday traditions of the Victorian era. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per youth. Reservations are required by calling (219) 873-1520.

The following evening will bring another special event, "Glowing Lights Night." During the self-guided tour at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, visitors receive glow-stick necklaces and can wander the mansion at their leisure, with the only illumination coming from the glowing Christmas tree lights. Standard admission charges apply, and reservations are not needed.

The mansion's Christmas schedule varies by week. Visit www.barkermansion.com for a printable calendar, or call (219) 873-1520 for details. The mansion is only open during advertised dates and times; it will be closed on certain days for upkeep and city holidays.

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The program also includes “Gypsy Baron Overture,” “A Canadian Brass Christmas,” “Hanukah Medley,” “Song of the Bells Waltz,” “Stille Nacht” and “The Christmas Song.”



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The Three Divas of Southwest Michigan features mezzo-soprano Katherine Rohwer, and sopranos Rebecca Derbas-Selvidge and Carrie VanDenburgh.

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• **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

• **Graphic Novel Book Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Jason Aaron's "Wolverine & The X-Men, Vol. 1." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Family Coloring Friday Nights from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at Hageman Library.**

Materials are provided, but patrons can take their own. No registration is necessary.

• **Jingle Bell Jamboree from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Hageman Library.**

Children will listen to holiday stories, sing holiday songs, make reindeer food and a reindeer craft, pin the nose on Rudolph, walk a candy cane path, enjoy a cupcake walk and share punch and cookies.

• **Make-N-Take Holiday Ornament Craft Time on Saturdays in December at Thomas Library.**

Stop by the children's department to make a new holiday ornament while supplies last.

• **Holiday program from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Dec. 10 marks a traditional Victorian Christmas party. Make Christmas ornaments with Museum Educator Susan Swarner from 1 to 2 p.m. Stay for Christmas caroling with Dot Pakan on the Hillstrom organ from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m., Rory McMahan will read Willa Cather's "The Burglar's Christmas."

On Dec. 14, Jim Nelson leads a program of Swedish Christmas music and traditions, with some songs performed in Swedish.

• **Teen Movie Night: "Star Trek: Beyond" at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave.**

The movie is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be served.

• **Indiana Bicentennial Birthday Party with Abe Lincoln from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Baugher Center.**

David Becker, a retired teacher, actor and Lincoln scholar, brings the president to life, along with

sharing historical artifacts, including an 1837 pocket Bible carried by soldiers, slave shackles and a German-made harmonica.

• **Bifocal Bookies at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Hageman Library.**

The focus is Kristen Hannah's "Winter Garden." Copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

• **Pokemon League from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Thomas Library.**

The program is aimed at children in first grade and older. Attendees learn to make decks of 60 cards. They don't need to take anything unless wanting to take a starter pack of cards.

• **Children's Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Aimed at children in third grade and older, attendees learn beginning crochet from Sadie Steciuch. Children should take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium weight yarn. Class size is limited, and registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Young Adult "Percy Jackson" Book Battle from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Participants can show off their knowledge, match wits and win prizes based on questions about the books. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

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"Peter and the Wolf"

Metamorphosis Traveling Theatre will take its production of the classic ballet "Peter and the Wolf" to Edgewood Elementary School at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Pictured are Judith Joseph as Peter and Doug Moon as The Wolf. Call the school at (219) 873-2079 for details.

Michigan City Public Library

The following programs are available at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.:

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.**

The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

• **"NBA2K17 Contest" on Saturday through Monday, Dec. 10-12.**

Space is limited for participants 18 and younger. Players must be available for all dates. Register in the Youth Services department.

• **Christmas Angels Among Us at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.**

Ange Benz leads the holiday discussion on stories about the presence of angels in everyday lives. Donations to The Salvation Army will be accepted.

• **STEAM Ahead Kids: Garland Christmas Tree Craft at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.**

The program is for children 6-12 accompanied by an adult. Children must be present to receive craft materials. Space is limited, so registration is required.

• **Story Time with Author James Dworkin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.**

Dworkin, Purdue University Northwest chancellor emeritus, will read his new picture book, "The Dog and the Jet Ski." He also plans to bring a real Irish Setter.

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

Christmas Tea at Barker Hall

The British custom of Afternoon Tea comes to historic Barker Hall, 600 Franklin St., from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Visitors will experience a traditional tea-time menu, the table presented with bite-size sandwiches, holiday scones topped with Devonshire clotted cream and jam, and traditional cakes, pastries and chocolates. English-style tea with cream, and the Russian-style tea with lemon and sugar, will be served on the Barker Hall monogrammed china. Hot punch also will be served.

The event will be held in the romantic gothic-style Great Hall, a 3,600 square-foot oak paneled room lit by 15-foot tall leaded glass windows and 4-foot wide chandeliers. The hall will be decorated with garlands and wreaths, holiday lights and music. Entertainment will be provided on the Barker Hall Baldwin grand piano.

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Last year marked Philip Bauman's first appearance as director of Handel's "Messiah." Now, he's delighted to be back as Michigan City gears up for its 52nd annual presentation.

"We had a spectacular performance last year," Bauman said. "It was a deeply moving experience for all of us — soloists, chorus, orchestra and the audience."

"I'm excited to once again dive into this magnificent music and guide the talented forces, including four outstanding soloists, into another deeply spiritual experience."

The presentation is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. A preview performance (dress rehearsal) open to the public is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Free tickets are required for both and are available at the church office or at www.MCMessiah.com. A limited number of tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. They will be held in Will Call unless picked up at the church before the event. A free-will offering will be taken at both events to help defray ex-

penses. Call the church office at (219) 879-4501 for more details.

Bauman has begun his 22nd season as music director of La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, and his 15th season conducting the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra, which in 2014 presented an international tour in Austria and Germany.

The soloists include soprano Sarah Gartshore, mezzo-soprano Quinn Middleman, tenor Matthew Daniel and bass Peter van de Graaff. All are experienced, professional "Messiah" soloists who have performed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

The Chicago Tribune recently described Gartshore as "particularly impressive" and possessing a "rich, shining soprano" after performances with Music of the Baroque and Chicago's

The Return of a Christmas Tradition



Apollo Chorus. Her performance of excerpts from Stravinsky's "The Rake's Progress" with the Richmond (Va.) Symphony (VA) inspired *The Times-Dispatch* to write, "Soprano Sarah Gartshore sang the arias with strong characterization, full-bodied tone and unusually clear diction, promising some fine portrayals of Anne Trulove in future productions of this opera."

She also is heard performing with guitarists Sergio and Odair Assad on "Merry a Holiday Journey," a CD of Christmas selections by violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and friends.

Praised for her "expressive" and "persuasive" performances, Middleman is equally at home on the operatic and concert stages, and maintains a wide variety of repertoire ranging from early music to bel canto to world premieres. She also boasts a background



as a professional orchestral and solo oboist.

Area performances include the Chicago premiere of Philip Glass' "The Perfect," and alongside Dawn Upshaw, Sanford Sylvan, John Harbison, Lucy Shelton and Kayo Iwama as a Fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center in 2015 and 2016. She received many accolades this year for singing the world premiere of Harold Meltzer's "Variations on a Summer Day" for the Tanglewood Festival of Contemporary Music. In 2015, she sang alongside Lucy Shelton in the premiere of Yehudi Wyner's "Sonnet: In the Arms of Sleep."

Quinn received her master's degree at Northwestern University, where she was seen as Marcellina ("Le nozze di Figaro"), Dinah ("Trouble in Tahiti") and Sister Helen Prejean in the Chicago premiere of Heggie's "Dead Man Walking." She co-founded the new student opera company Chamber Opera Initiative and performed the title role in Handel's "Ariodante" with the company in 2015.

Daniel is in his 12th season with Lyric Opera of

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Chicago's chorus. As a soloist, he has performed many opera roles, some of which include Pinkerton in "Madama Butterfly," Rodolfo in "La Boheme," Hoffmann in "Tales of Hoffmann," Nemorino in "L'Elisir d'amore," The Duke in "Rigoletto," Turiddu in "Cavalleria Rusticana," Eisenstein in "Die Fledermaus," Canio in "I Pagliacci" and King Kaspar in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" with David Aiken tours. Opera companies he has worked with include Opera Grand Rapids, Harrisburg Opera, Indiana Opera North, Opera!Lenawee, Aspen Opera Theater and most recently Harbor Country Opera. Orchestras he's appeared with include LCSO, Adrian Symphony Orchestra, Elkhart Symphony,

Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra, Charlotte Philharmonic, South Bend Symphony and Indianapolis Symphony.

Hailed by critics as possessing a "resplendent voice," a "rich, burnished sound" with "formidable skill" and a "commanding grace and strength," van de Graaff recently completed a seven-concert tour in China. In Europe, he was a featured soloist at the International Vocal Symposium in Salzburg. He also has performed with Lyric Opera of Chicago, Florentine Opera, Milwaukee Opera, Rochester Opera, Chicago Opera Theater and Cedar Rapids Opera.

His recordings include three intermezzos on the Naxos label and Menotti's "The Medium," and Vorisek "Mass in B-Flat" and Mozart arias and duets, all on the Cedille label.

(All rehearsal photos by Bob Wellinski.)



Soloists



Bauman



Daniel



Gartshore



Middleman



Van de Graaff

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following program is available:

• **Holiday Traditions in the Dunes** from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at four park locations: Chellberg Farm, Bailly Homestead, Paul H. Douglas Center and Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

In the Chellberg Farm farmhouse, volunteers in traditional dress will explain the Swedish holiday decorations, while *Jul Tomte* (Santa) shares the story of the Christmas tree. Meet Papa and learn how the Santa Lucia legend is celebrated in many Swedish households. Finish the tour in the kitchen, where Swedish holiday foods will be displayed, with a traditional holiday cookie given to visitors.

Walk the trail or take a free shuttle to Bailly Homestead to discover French-Canadian holiday customs likely practiced by Joseph Bailly and his family. Staff and volunteers in the Bailly house will share the customs through story and song. Visitors also will see traditional food and taste a Christmas yule log cake. Hot apple cider will be served.

At the Paul H. Douglas Center and Visitor Center, children will make traditional holiday decorations, put them up on the tree or take them home. Free refreshments and light snacks will be available.

Meet at the parking lot on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

• **French Christmas Concert from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Visitor Center.**

Local folk trio Trois Canards — Marti Pizzni, Suzanne Keldsen and Dot Pakin — will sing traditional French Christmas songs, and accompanied by traditional instruments such as the fiddle, hurdy gurdy, dulcimer, accordion, guitar and recorder.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street in Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Saturday, Dec. 10

• **10 a.m. — Early Winter Wetlands.**

Meet at the Nature Center for an easy walk to the Wilson Shelter and back.

• **2 p.m. — Scales and Tales.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at reptiles of Indiana Dunes, with live animals present.

Sunday, Dec. 11

• **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

• **2 p.m. — 100 Years of Indiana State Parks.**

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 45-minute PBS documentary.

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JROTC Busy During Break



The Color Guard makes its presentation at the first boys basketball game.

While most students relaxed during Thanksgiving break, Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps kept busy supporting not just the school, but also the community.

Cadets worked the Toys for Tots campaign at Lighthouse Place-Premium Outlets the Friday after Thanksgiving, an effort coordinated through the local Marine Corps League chapter. The following night, cadets provided the Color Guard for the first home basketball game.

Cadets will remain busy prior to Christmas break.

Their involvement in the Dec. 1 "One City One Sound" concert at MCHS involved setup, working the concert, then cleanup. The concert features the entire school district's musical talents, from elementary to high school.

The cadets also will provide Color Guards for the three home basketball games in December.

The MCHS Drill Team was set to compete in a military skills meet Dec. 3 at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The team will continue practicing amid the Christmas break, preparing for its next competition Jan. 14 in Aurora, Ill. The goal is to make it to the first National MCJROTC Drill Meet on April 22 in Dallas, Texas. If the cadets qualify, the trip would be conducted at no cost to the school district.

Santa Sightings

Santa will appear at the following La Porte County sites:

- Santa will be at Dudek's Pine County, 9255 N. County Road 300 East, Rolling Prairie, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10-11 and 17-18.
- Visit with Santa in a railroad caboose from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 10-11 at Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Donate a new unwrapped toy and receive one free train ride.
- Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10, at T-Berry's Diner, 501 Lincolnway, La Porte. Reservations are recommended by calling (219) 362-6261.
- Santa will be at Wanatah Town Hall, 104 N. Main St., from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.
- Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church, 3444 E. U.S. 20, will host Breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.
- La Porte Santa Chalet, Younger Life Plaza 618, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Lunch With the League

Michigan City Common Council President Tim Bietry will speak at Lunch With the League at noon Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St.

Bietry is one of three at-large members, representing the council on the following boards: License and Franchises; Waters and Harbors; Tax Abatements; and Human Rights Oversight. He also serves on the NICTD/South Shore Transit; the Michigan Boulevard Oversight; Fiber Optic Development; Economic Development Board; and Social Status of African American Males Commission.

The program is presented by League of Women Voters of La Porte County. Reservations are not required. Attendees may buy lunch from the menu, with orders taken at noon. Call Sue at (219) 874-6809 for more details.

New Troy Indoor Flea Market

New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road, will present its Indoor Flea Markets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17.

Admission is free. Antiques, tools, crafts, books, memorabilia, housewares, furniture and locally made or grown items will be available. A hot lunch will be served.

Vendor spaces are \$13 and include a table and chair. Proceeds from space rentals benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit organization Friends of New Troy.

The market season continues the second and third Saturday of every month through March. Contact Donald at (773) 803-9773 for more details.

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"Heart of Gold" Holiday Concert

Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St., will present "Heart of Gold — For the Holidays," a concert by veteran singer-songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Johnny V, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Part of the Winter Arts Series, Johnny V will present a tribute to the music of Neil Young, in addition to holiday favorites performed in his unique style. Canterbury also will collect non-perishable foods and unwrapped toys for local charities.

Johnny V (Vermilye) is a native Texan, but grew up in Chicago's south suburbs, where he began playing the guitar and writing music at 13. After playing several years in the band Tak a Bite, comprised of musicians from Chicago and Northwest Indiana, he struck out on a solo career to concentrate on his own compositions, touring throughout the Midwest. To date, he has released three CDs of original songs, "Wood Chips," "Inside Reality" and most recently "Barns and Bridges," some tracks from which will be included in his Canterbury performance.

Johnny V plays acoustic and electric guitars, piano, mandolin and harmonica, and has been known to pick up the ukulele on occasion.

Reservations are recommended. Tickets, which cost \$10, can be reserved by calling the Canterbury box office at (219) 874-4269 or by email at info@canterburytheatre.org

Program by Holocaust Survivor

Holocaust survivor Earnest Fruehauf will speak about the years after *Kristallnacht* at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St.

Born in Germany, Fruehauf's family saw its business ransacked during *Kristallnacht*, or The Night of Broken Glass. The program will focus on the years after, including his journey to America.



The program is free, with refreshments served.

Traditional Caroling Program

The Friends of New Buffalo Library will present its third annual afternoon of holiday caroling from 2 to 4 p.m. EST Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Pokagon Room at New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The newly formed Harbor Country Singers will lead "Caroling at the Library," with lyrics provided in printed format, as well as on the "big screen," to create a sing-along experience. Light refreshments will be offered.

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Michigan City Community Chorus

The Michigan City Community Chorus, under Lee Meyer's direction, will present its annual Christmas concert at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Community Room, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave.

The free program will include holiday songs that celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Also planned are arrangements that include French horn and handbells.

MQT Christmas Program

"A Christmas Feast and Fine Arts," featuring Marquette Catholic High School's art students, piano students and The Marquette Singers, is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at The Scholl Center, 306 W. 10th St.

The event includes pasta, salad and desserts. Advance tickets are \$8, or \$10 at the door. Make reservations by calling (219) 873-1325 or by email at jwagner@marquette-hs.org

Christmas Cookie Walk/Craft Sale

The 15th annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Craft Sale is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10, at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

The cookies and crafts are made by the church's Ladies Group.

"Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

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One hundred and fifty second- and fourth-graders from Porter's Discovery Charter School recently experienced the exhibit "The Hunt — The Prey — The Spirit" at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Lubeznik staff had the children explore what an animal spirit might be, what it looks like in an artist's eye and how humans connect with animals.



Fourth-grader Genevieve Smoot gets up close with a display at Lubeznik Center for the Arts.

Discovery's first- and third-graders will experience the show later this month, making masks and viewing animal art sculpted from wire or upholstery fabric, formed from paper, collaged or painted.

This is the fourth year the school's art coordinator, Annette Hansen, has sent Discovery students on artistic learning experiences thanks to an Indiana Arts Commission grant in cooperation with South Shore Arts. The grant allows for all 525 Discovery students to visit Lubeznik Center over the school year, and for seventh-graders to tour the Century of Progress homes in Beverly Shores and third-graders to the Art Institute of Chicago Art Museum.

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Starting at the Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, 803 Washington St., 200 limited-edition cookie tins will be sold for \$10. The tins come with a list of participating businesses with cookies to help fill the tins. One cookie is placed in each tin at each location. Visit www.lpchamber.com for more details.

"Miracle on 34th Street"

La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., will present the holiday classic "Miracle on 34th Street" on Dec. 9-18.

Matinees are at 2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11 and 18; otherwise, shows are at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, or \$12 for students.

Reservations can be made by calling (219) 362-5113 or visiting www.laportelittletheatreclub.com

Docent-Led Tour

A free docent-led tour of the exhibit "The Hunt-The Prey-The Spirit" is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Leading the tour is artist, educator and LCA docent Dorothy Graden. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Cookie Walk and Bazaar

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host its 12th Annual Cookie Walk and Bazaar from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Cookies cost \$8 per pound. Call (219) 879-9415 for more details.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St.

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The goal is to get each ICS cat and kitten a new cat toy on Christmas Eve. Canned cat food not only will assist the shelter's animals, but also families struggling during the holiday season to feed their pets. Other items families need are cat litter, paper plates, paper towels and laundry detergent.

The complete wish list is available at www.cat-society.org, on the ICS facebook page or by calling (219) 785-4936. Lists also can be picked up at:

- Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville.
- Brandt's Old Fashion Emporium, 309 U.S. 12, Michigan City.
- Jake's Feed & Garden, 326 Indiana 49, Valparaiso.
- Chesterton Feed & Garden, 400 Locust St.
- Kabelin's Ace Hardware, 512 Andrews Ave., La Porte.

Chesterton Art Center

Jennifer Martin will host a holiday edition of "Cookies and Canvas" on Friday, Dec. 9, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Children 3-7 can attend from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and youth 8-14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The evening includes an 8x10 holiday-themed stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice.

The cost is \$10 per child, or \$5 for members. Register by contacting the center at (219) 926-4711 no later than Thursday, Dec. 8. Visit www.chesterton-art.com for more details.

New ReStore Hours

La Porte County Habitat for Humanity has expanded hours for its ReStore, 225 E. Garfield St.

Under its new operating schedule, the ReStore is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. It features new and gently used items donated by individuals and businesses.

A toll free number, (844) 517-1693, has been added for those requesting a pickup of donations. For those planning home remodeling projects, salvage services also are available.

Old Lighthouse Museum

Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12 and 17-18.

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The American Red Cross La Porte County Chapter will sponsor the following bloodmobiles:

- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.
- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, La Porte, noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.
- A.K. Smith Career Center, 817 Lafayette St., Michigan City, 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

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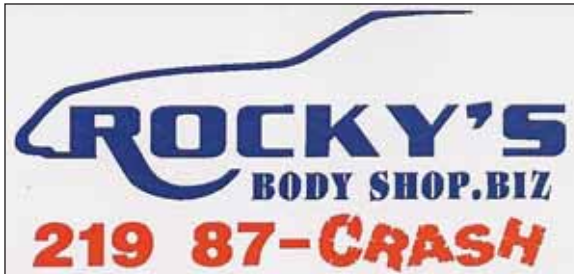
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Dec. 8 — Music at the Museum, 2-3:30 p.m., Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Dec. 8-11 — “Seven Nuns at Las Vegas,” Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Thur.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12, \$10/Thursday shows, youth 12 & younger. Reservations: www.footlightplayers.org, (219) 874-4035.

Dec. 9 — Jingle Bell Jamboree, 5-7 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

Dec. 9 — “A Very Spaniels Christmas: Carols from the Street Corner,” 6 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Dec. 9-11 — Young People’s Theatre Company Inc., “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” Holdcraft Theatre, 1200 Spring St. Times/tickets: www.yptcinc.com

Dec. 9-12 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Aquarius.” Not rated. In Portuguese with English subtitles. Times: 5:30 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Christine.” Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Dec. 9-18 — “Miracle on 34th Street,” La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St. Matinees: 2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11 and 18; otherwise, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$12/students. Reservations: www.laportelittletheatreclub.com, (219) 362-5113.

Dec. 10 — 15th annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Craft Sale, 9 a.m.-noon, First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

Dec. 10 — 12th Annual Cookie Walk and Bazaar, 9-11:30 a.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Cookies \$8/pound. Info: (219) 879-9415.

Dec. 10 — Duneland Weavers Guild, 10 a.m., Westchester Public Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Dec. 10 — Downtown La Porte Cookie Walk, 10 a.m., Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, 803 Washington St. Tins: \$10. Info: www.lpchamber.com

Dec. 10 — Early Winter Wetlands, 10 a.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Dec. 10 — Free docent-led tour, “The Hunt-The Prey-The Spirit,” 11 a.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Dec. 10 — Afternoon Tea, noon-3 p.m., Barker Hall, 600 Franklin St. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 & younger, free/children 4 & younger. Reservations: (219) 874-4355.

Dec. 10 — Holiday Traditions in the Dunes, noon-3 p.m., Chellberg Farm, Bailly Homestead, Paul H. Douglas Center, Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Dec. 10 — Teen Movie Night: “Star Trek: Be-

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Dec. 10 — Holiday at the Pops Concert, 7 p.m., La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/children. Tickets: holidaypopslaporte.org

Dec. 10 — "Heart of Gold — For the Holidays," 7 p.m., Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: info@canterburytheatre.org, (219) 874-4269.

Dec. 10-12 — "NBA2K17 Contest," Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Registration: library youth services department.

Dec. 11 — Program, Holocaust survivor Earnest Fruehauf, 2 p.m., Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St. Free.

Dec. 11 — Indiana Bicentennial Birthday Party with Abe Lincoln, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Dec. 11 — French Christmas Concert, 2:30-4 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Dec. 11 — "Caroling at the Library," 2-4 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Dec. 12 — Michigan City Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave. Free.

Dec. 13 — Christmas Angels Among Us, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Dec. 13 — STEAM Ahead Kids: Garland Christmas Tree Craft, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Registration: (219) 873-3049.

Dec. 14 — Story Time with Author James Dworkin, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Registration: youth services department.

Dec. 14 — "A Christmas Feast and Fine Arts," 6-8 p.m., Marquette Catholic High School Scholl Center, 306 W. 10th St. Tickets: \$8/advance, \$10/door. Reservations: jwagner@marquette-hs.org, (219) 873-1325.

Through Dec. 28 — Holiday Artisan Market, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

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In the Region

Dec. 10, 17 — Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free. Info: (773) 803-9773.

Dec. 10 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, "Musical Wonderland," 7:30 p.m. EST, Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich. Tickets: (269) 982-4030, www.sonso.org

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Woman in Cabin 10 by **Ruth Ware** (hardcover, \$26 retail; also available as an eBook)

Not long ago, I reviewed Ware's first book, *In a Dark, Dark Wood*. A tough act to follow, but I must say, this book is even better! The psychological mystery, played out in the cold waters of the North Sea, will leave you speechless! But, I'm getting ahead of myself, so let me give you just enough information to whet your reading appetite.

Laura (Lo) Blacklock is single and 32. She lives in England and works for a travel magazine called *Velocity*. After 10 years on the job, she has yet to become the hot journalist she envisioned herself to be. But now, opportunity just might have knocked on her door...

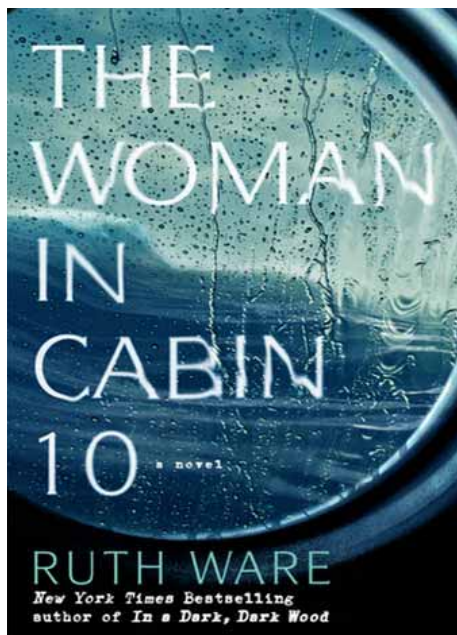
A rich businessman, Lord Richard Bullmer, is going into the luxury cruise arena with the maiden voyage of his ship, *Aurora Borealis*. Not as big as most cruise vessels, the *Aurora* is a "...boutique ten-cabin cruise liner conceived as a super-luxury retreat for hopping the Scandinavian coastline."

Lo's boss has received an invitation for the inaugural trip, but can't make it. She calls in Lo and asks her to take her place. Wow! What an opportunity for Lo to show her talent and finally become a feature writer.

There's one small problem...isn't there always? Just a few days ago, a burglar entered her small basement flat. She awoke face to face with him. Fortunately, he got away with only her purse. No physical damage to her, but much psychological damage. See, Lo has anxiety attacks and has been on meds for a long time. The incident throws her a curve, and she becomes sleep deprived, drinking too much.

Lo pulls herself together enough, however, to take on the assignment after talking to her boyfriend, Angel Lewis. The whole incident, which jumps out at you right on Page 1, is the defining incident that will shape the coming events and the eventual outcome. It's important to see what drives Lo's personality and problems. You may or may not like her, but she is a survivor. She may not know it at the time, but coming events will cause her to face her fears head on.

Arrangements are made, the ship boarded by several businessmen, a famous photographer and several other journalists for high-class travel magazines. Lo is put in Cabin 9 at the end of the corridor: a pleasant and nicely furnished cabin. Getting



ready for the first night formal dinner and cocktail party, Lo discovers she has forgotten her mascara. She knocks on Cabin 10 next door, and a young woman answers, obviously upset to see Lo there instead of...who? She gives her the mascara, and Lo eventually makes it up to the formal lounge, where she is surprised to see Ben Howard, former mate at *Velocity* and former boyfriend.

After dinner and a cocktail party, during which she drinks too much after too many sleepless nights, Lo falls into bed, only to wake up suddenly around 4 a.m. She's sure she heard a woman scream, followed by the sound of someone being thrown overboard. It's coming

from Cabin 10.

Lo calls the captain, who's skeptical of her story. Why? Because no one has been assigned Cabin 10. The businessman supposed to have come along bowed out at the last minute, so that cabin is empty. He even takes her around to meet the crew of the ship, but no one matches the description of the woman Lo saw earlier.

Even Ben suggests her anti-anxiety pills, coupled with too much to drink and too little sleep, might have made her susceptible to a bad dream. Hmmm? No, Lo is adamant. She knows what she saw and heard. But how do you persuade everyone else when Cabin 10, which had the woman there, her clothes strewn on the bed, is suddenly empty and very clean — no clothes, no nothing.

What follows is something Agatha Christie would be proud of: a boat full of suspects, practically all of them making Lo suspicious with their lies and secrets, and a phone and computer unable to pick up any signals until they get to Trondheim, Norway, the next day.

The story is pure adrenaline-fueled reading! What's really going on? Who should Lo trust and who not to? And how far will someone go to keep the secret of Cabin 10?

Library Journal, starred review: "Ware's follow-up to her best-selling debut, *In a Dark, Dark Wood*, is a gripping maritime psychological thriller that will keep readers spellbound. The intense final chapters just might induce heart palpitations."

Marie Claire: "Ruth Ware is back with her second hair-on-the-back-of-your-neck-tingling tale."

Till next time, happy reading!



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