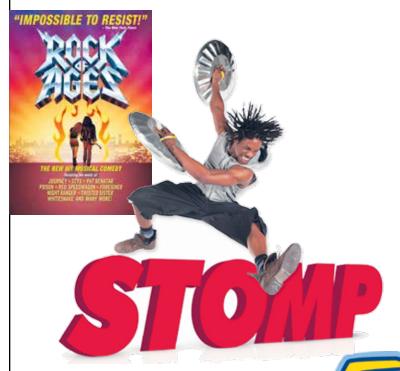


HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

JUST THE TICKET

Complete your shopping list with the hottest tickets in town. Whether the recipient of your present is a sports nut, a thrill-seeker, a concert-goer or fan of the theater, tickets are perfect for any age. Lottery tickets and movie tickets are great stocking stuffers. The Toledo area offers a variety of entertainment over the winter months at some outstanding venues. Here are a few suggestions.

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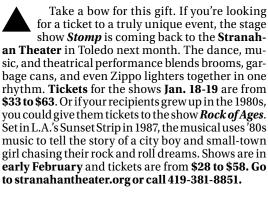


Perhaps the best way to bring Christmas cheer is to tickle your loved ones' funny bone, while also filling their belly with unique food. Fat Fish Blue, located at Levis Commons in Perrysburg, has its Funny Bone Club and Louisana-Creole cooking. Fat Fish Blue offers gift certificates for tickets to upcoming shows, including a New Year's Eve event. Tickets from \$12. More information at fatfishfunnybonetoledo.com

and 419-931-FISH (3474).

The perfect stocking stuffer may just be an instant, scratch-off lottery ticket, where millions could be on the line. Being so close to the border, you can buy both Ohio and Michigan instant tickets to spice up Christmas morning. Or give them the hope and anticipation of hitting the ultimate jackpot with tickets to the Ohio Lottery's Mega Millions and Power Ball draw games. The Ohio Lottery is featuring a Holiday Spectacular, a \$10 instant game with the top prize of \$500,000. Tickets can be purchased at more than 9,000 sanctioned Ohio lottery retailers, including 97 in Lucas County.



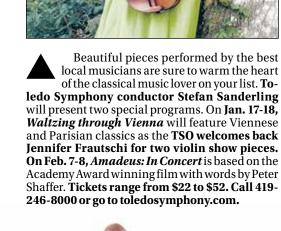




Warm up the thrill-seeker on your list with passes to Cedar Point, one of the world's top amusement parks. Single day tickets are available along with season tickets, including platinum passes. Single day tickets are \$34.99 (juniors and seniors) to \$48.99 (adults at the gate). The season tickets range from \$102.99 (juniors and seniors) to \$120 (adults) up to \$126 to \$187 (platinum pass). For more information go to cedarpoint.com or call 419-627-2350.

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A night out to see the Walleye, Toledo's pro hockey team, play at the Huntington Center is not just for sports fans. While there is plenty of fast action on the ice, the family-friendly atmosphere makes for an enjoyable experience for parents and their kids. Adult couples also can enjoy the team's Hockey & Hops Beer Tasting Party on Dec. 28, which features a buffet and ticket to the game for \$45. Other upcoming promotions include coach Nick Vitucci bobble head night (Jan. 3), mascot mania night (Jan. 26), and Beatles tribute night (Feb. 1). Regular-season tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under and seniors. Multigame plans also are available. Go to toledowalleye.com or call 419-725-WALL.





The downtown Huntington
Center offers tickets to a wide
array of events next month. Comedian Jeff Dunham, who was
the first performer at the arena when
it opened in October of 2009, is back on
Dec. 26 (Price: \$58.40). The Globetrotters return to town on Dec. 29 (Price:
\$30.90 to \$112). Professional wrestling
also is back with the WWE Smackdown
on Jan. 28 (Price: \$23.75 to \$108.95).
The monster trucks will race in early
March as part of Monster Jam (\$13.60
to \$55.55). For more information go to
huntingtoncenter.com.



Country music fans will love to get a ticket to see Lady Antebellum at the Huntington Center on Jan. 11. The seven-time Grammy award-winning trio is on the first leg of their Take Me Downtown tour. The group has played before more than 1 million fans across the globe in 11 countries. Tickets, which range from \$45 to \$85, are available at ticket master.com or call 800-745-3000.

* Prices and availability subject to change



The Valentine Theatre is a beautiful downtown venue that will feature a ballet, performances from the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and Toledo Jazz Orchestra, and a Broadway musical in January and February. Cinderella will be presented by The Moscow Festival Ballet Company on Friday, Jan. 10. It will feature storytelling with humor, along with unique scenery and costumes. Godspell will be featured on Jan. 24. The classic show from Stephen Schwartz is a one-of-a-kind production. For more information go to valentinetheatre.com. Cost: \$36 to \$66.



With so much time being spent indoors during the winter months, movie tickets are perfect for any age. Rave Cinemas has locations at Franklin Park, Levis Commons, and Fallen Timbers. The movie chain offers gift cards for tickets that you can design yourself and even send electronically with a personalized greeting card from \$25 to \$100. Go to movietickets.com.