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STARLITE JUMPS IN TO 2025

We are excited about the year ahead and already have three **Starlite in the Park** events planned for 2025 at Nederhouser Community Hall in partnership with Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks.



Nancy & Millie, Jan 19

95 Years of Millie Benson's Nancy Drew
Many people are not aware that this prolific author was a Toledoan who penned 175 books, many as Carolyn Keene, and created the iconic Nancy Drew character. Six films, three TV series, four pilots, 33 video games, and two comic books later, Nancy still entertains and inspires young sleuths everywhere. Come learn more about Millie Benson as we celebrate 95 years of Nancy Drew.

This Sunday **Starlite in the Park** event at Nederhouser features an afternoon program for youngsters and an evening event for adults.

Nancy's Jr. Detectives! 3 p.m., Kids activities and prizes plus **Nancy Drew & The Hidden Staircase**

7 p.m. Adult Program
WGTE presents **The Storied Life of Millie Benson** plus **Nancy Drew & The Hidden Staircase**

Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 Kids under 12 includes snacks, giveaways and an evening raffle. **Tickets are on sale now on our website homepage. Check event details.**

Celebrating our Black Heritage, Feb. 19



WGTE will partner with us to show Toledo Stories' Cornerstones:



The African Americans and Heritage Sylvania will be on hand with Sylvania's Harroun Story – recalling the Harroun family ties to the underground rail-

road, and the history of the property and the barns which still stand today. Admission \$5.

At Nederhouser. Tickets available soon.

A Taste of Italy, Spring date tbd

Get ready to experience Italian food and wine while we take a musical and visual journey in this gorgeous country. Then watch a charming and educational Italian film of good food, feisty ladies and unlikely friendships. *Limited seating.*



STRANAHAN THEATER

The Magical Polar Experience – 12/19
An Evening with Peter Billingsley & A Christmas Story – 12/27
Chicago – 1/23-26
(Tickets on sale now.)

TOLEDO REPERTOIRE THEATER

A Christmas Carol – 12/5-15

TOLEDO BALLET/

TOLEDO SYMPHONY- STRANAHAN

The Nutcracker – 12/13-15

THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY

A Very Jazzy Christmas – 12/21
Pops, A Night at the Oscars – 1/25

ADRIAN

THE CROSSWELL THEATER

Into the Woods – 1/25-2/2

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN & STATE

Christmas movies all month!
Mary Poppins 60th Anniversary – 12/29
Kids 12 and under FREE with advance ticket

See full online schedule for Michigan and State theater films and events.

LOOKING BACK AT 2024



Ben Malczewski, Katie Gilliland, and Linda Szyskowski pose with author Graham Moore at the Lourdes University event in May.

2024 was an exciting and busy year for us. We presented four Starlite in the Park events which were all very well attended: Step into History, Feb. 7; Legacy of the Lake, May 16; Bad Guys, Bootleggers and Bank Robbers, Sept. 18; and A Spirited Evening 2, Oct.23.

A big thank you to Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks for their partnership and support as well as WGTE and Heritage Sylvania for their participation.

Then last May we began our **Author Series** with Lourdes University partnering with Finch & Fern Book Company. *New York Times* bestselling authors who were touring with new books were Graham Moore in May and Tracy Chevalier in June followed by Melissa Urban and Danielle Walker in August, then local authors Tim Berta, September, and the legendary Tom Cole in October. The Taylor Automotive Family and Anderson/ Miller Insurance were sponsors.

So what's next for *Authors*? We plan to continue this series in 2025 and are excitedly looking at authors who have books coming out next year who would be a great and entertaining fit for our community. And ticket holders have an opportunity to get a signed book at these events.

Stay tuned as we share more on *Authors* after the first of the year!

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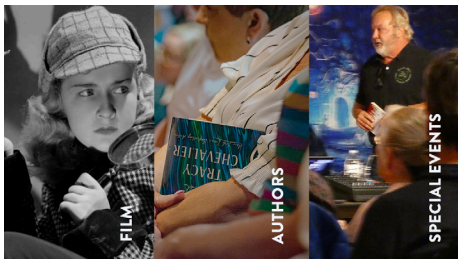
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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE



GIVING TUESDAY

STARLITE
theater group

REACHING UP. REACHING OUT. | December 3, 2024

When you support Starlite, you support the arts in our community.

Will you help? As a non-profit 501c3, we depend on private donations, grants, and partnerships to do what we do, so funds are needed to continue to bring entertaining and educational events here. If you have attended our events, and want to see more, please consider donating.

Every donation counts, no matter the size. It's easy to give and tax deductible. You can **use the QR code on the right** or send a check directly to Starlite Theater Group's mailing address on our website.

Giving Tuesday was December 3, but it's not too late to donate before the end of this tax year!

VOTE!

Starlite is honored to have been nominated for a Best of Toledo Award for 2024 by Toledo City Paper, but we can't win without your vote.

Voting ends Dec. 15, so vote NOW! It means a lot to us. Use the QR code here, vote on our website or online at Toledo City Paper.



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