

TALKING TOURISM

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Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB). She will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry have on this region.

COMMUNITY MILESTONES

Two well-known and beloved Cambridge/Guernsey County entities are celebrating significant milestones in 2025. The Southeast Ohio Symphony Orchestra's 50 season is underway and Kennedy's Bakery turns 100 years old!

SEOSO

The Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its milestone 50th Season! Concert venues include Brown Chapel on the campus of Muskingum University, Scottish Rite Auditorium in Cambridge and Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville.

Each year SEOSO Music Director Dr. Laura E. Schumann creates a fabulous season featuring international soloists along with local guest musicians. Highlights of the season include unique and enjoyable concerts for all ages and free to-the-public Holiday Concert. You don't want to miss a note! In fact, there are two more concerts left to enjoy in the season:

March 23, 2025 - 3:30 p.m. Brown Chapel, Muskingum University featuring Dr Harsha Abeyaratne, and favorite selections from SEOSO's history.

April 27, 2025 - 7 p.m.- The Season Finale will feature "The Ultimate EP" (music by Elvis & Prince). It will truly be a royal experience as we celebrate Elvis and Prince featuring SEOSO with the "Sons of Gladys." (The Sons of Gladys is an all-star band made up of Columbus' most talented performers.)

Secure your tickets now and be a part of SEOSO's milestone 50th season celebration. Tickets are available by calling 740-614-582-2009 or visiting Seoso.org.

Kennedy's Bakery

The sweet smell of fresh baked goods has drifted on the morning air throughout downtown Cambridge since 1925 thanks to Kennedy's Bakery in Downtown Cambridge. Members of the family have been getting up at the crack of dawn for 100 years!

Three generations of the Kennedy family have owned and operated the bakery. As always, everything at Kennedy's Bakery is made from scratch daily using the same family recipes that have been satisfying customers since 1925! The bakery is truly a landmark. It is a place generations of Cambridge families and visitors have come back to year after year.

The bakery specializes in a little bit of everything – ranging from bagels and donuts to pies and wedding cakes. It is a must stop when you are downtown!

2025 Calendar of Events

A full list of our events is located at VistGuernseyCounty.com. Before attending any event, we suggest that you call before you go.

February 1	24 th Annual Guernsey County Reading Festival, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
February 1	Resurrection – A Journey Tribute, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
February 2	Something Blue Wedding Expo, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
February 3	Kids' Expedition: Legos, Crossroads Branch Library
February 6	Charcuterie Class, Crossroads Branch Library
February 6 & 13	Nutrition from A-Z – Crossroads Branch Library
February 7	Night to Shine, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
February 14	Valentine's Day Hike, Salt Fork State Park
February 14	Murder Mystery – Marriage, Mob & Murder, Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center
February 14 & 28	Bluegrass Concerts, Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview
February 15	So you think you can draw: BIGFOOT?, Salt Fork State Park
February 15	Next Stop Comedy, Guernsey Brewhouse
February 16	Run Your Heart Out 5K, Byesville Village Park, Byesville
February 20	2025 Annual Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
February 22	50's-80's Flashback Dance, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
February 26	Wild Wednesdays, Deerassic Park Education Center

To learn more about the VCB, area events, and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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