

# THE HUB

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Life has changed rapidly these past two weeks, to say the least. It is hard to wrap our minds around just how much. So, with this change, we are also temporarily changing The Hub.

We will begin publishing The Hub bi-weekly, distributing it by email and Facebook as usual, to share local resources and information. We invite you to email us with any information, programs, services—or anything that helps our community as we work together through this unprecedented time. Please submit anything you would like included in the next issue of The Hub by Friday, April 10 at 5 p.m. The Hub will be published the following week. Our email address is [greaterauroracommunity@gmail.com](mailto:greaterauroracommunity@gmail.com).

Because things can change rapidly, we will also be using our email blast to update folks on any changes. The Facebook page will be updated as information arrives.

Also, we invite you to email us photos, fun stories, kids' projects, recipes, and anything else that would lift up our spirits and keep us connected! April is National Poetry Month—please send us your original poetry for publication in our next issue!

Finally, an important note: there are several community groups and individuals checking in with local residents who need help getting groceries, picking up medications, and getting the mail. If you need help or know someone who might, please send us an email so that we can help connect you with local volunteers.

Please be smart, take good care of yourselves, and stay well!

Alexis Boyce, Volunteer, The Hub Newsletter  
Sandy Groth, Director, Aurora Free Library

## Visit the Village of Aurora Website for COVID-19 Resources and Updates

Please check the Village of Aurora website, <http://auroranewyork.us/>, for updates and information related to the COVID-19 pandemic. There, you can find links and information from the Aurora Fire Department, Cayuga County, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and Senator Pamela Helming. You can also find updated information on village office operations, meetings, and the village election.

To get on the Aurora municipal e-blast list for news updates and emergency alerts, send a request to [VillageClerk@auroranewyork.us](mailto:VillageClerk@auroranewyork.us) or [DeputyClerk@auroranewyork.us](mailto:DeputyClerk@auroranewyork.us).

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## Sign Up for Alerts from Cayuga County

Cayuga County provides email and text notices for many individual areas of concern, including Health Department Alerts, Weather Advisories, Road Closures, and COVID-19 Response. Sign up here: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/List.aspx>.

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## Notice from the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department

The Aurora Volunteer Fire Department would like all of the Aurora-Ledyard Fire District to know that we are still here and covering calls like normal.

Please follow CDC and government guidelines to keep yourself safe and healthy. Follow good hand-washing techniques, and social distancing. Stay home if possible! Check on the elderly and homebound—from a distance.

Don't hesitate to call 911 if you are experiencing a true emergency. Always report symptoms to dispatch so we can protect ourselves before our arrival.

Call your doctor: If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice.

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html?fbclid=IwAR3svXt71fRTRwix3aVH\\_JiHxxl1LomMR8sY3deEr\\_1hLYvYZUc3tEuQpgM](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html?fbclid=IwAR3svXt71fRTRwix3aVH_JiHxxl1LomMR8sY3deEr_1hLYvYZUc3tEuQpgM)

Stay safe and healthy.

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## Free Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch for Students

The Southern Cayuga Central School District will be offering free grab and go breakfast and lunch to all students who need it beginning March 18 on a daily basis. These meals will be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the high school loading dock for pick up. There will be signs to guide you where to go and someone to greet you at your vehicle. Please do not exit your vehicle as the meals will be delivered to you. There will be free wifi access for students in the vicinity of the meal pickup point to allow students to download classroom information if needed.



**KING FERRY  
FOOD PANTRY**  
Neighbors helping neighbors.

Located in the Ag Wing at Southern Cayuga High School  
Open from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each  
month

For more information contact Debbie at 315-497-2049 or  
[kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com](mailto:kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com).

King Ferry Food Pantry, Inc.  
PO Box 242  
King Ferry, NY 13081

Thank you to the many individuals and groups who have generously come forward and asked how they can help the food pantry at this time. The best ways to help us: spread the word that we are open to help those in need. Donations to help us purchase the most needed items.

## Help support the Southern Cayuga Barnstormers 4-H Club Food Drive!!

### Requested Items Include:

- Non-Perishable Items
- Children's Food and Snacks (granola bars, protein bars, peanut butter or cheese cracker snack packs, cereal)

There will be boxes at the following locations:

1. King Ferry Pizzeria
2. King Ferry Corner Store
3. Wilcox General Store
4. Aurora Fire Department
5. Genoa Fire Department
6. Scipio Fire Department

Collection boxes will be available until **April 2, 2020**.

The items that we collect will be donated to the

**King Ferry Food Pantry.**



## Need To Talk To Someone? Feel Like You Could Use Some Extra Support?

Licensed therapist Stephanie Zuber, LMHC is available. Stephanie has a practice in Ithaca and also works with Wells College students. You can contact her at [szuberlmhc@gmail.com](mailto:szuberlmhc@gmail.com) or 215-514-5060.

Rev. Barb Blom is available for pastoral or spiritual support. Barb is an ordained UCC minister and has worked for Hospicare in Ithaca. You can contact her at [barbeblom@gmail.com](mailto:barbeblom@gmail.com) or 607-342-6281.

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## Aurora Free Library News

Even though our doors are not open you can still:

1. Access free digital services through Overdrive or Libby for ebooks, audiobooks, online magazines with rbDigital, learn a new language with Mango Languages, and more through our website with your library card.

<https://aurorafreelibrary.org/digital-downloads>

2. Get a library card. Click on this link (or click on Patron log-in on our website) to sign-up for a library card to access our ematerials and more!

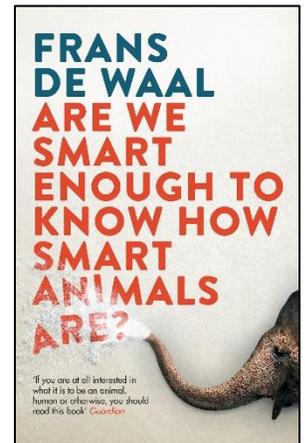
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3. Participate in the Southern Cayuga Book Club, which will meet on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:15 p.m. Even if you have not read this month's book, *Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?* by F.E.B. deWaal, please email Sandy at [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) and get the Zoom link to join us.

4. Get help on how to download materials by emailing staff member Ed Easter at [eeaster@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:eeaster@aurorafreelibrary.org).

5. Access our Free Wi-Fi from outside our building. No password needed.

6. Other questions or ideas? Email [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org).



We will use our website, Facebook page, patron emails, The Hub, and signs at the Library and Post Office to communicate any updates in services including online Storytime and more.

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN MATERIALS IN THE DROP BOX AT THIS TIME.**

All materials you currently have out are not due until May 1, 2020.

Please take good care of yourselves and one another.

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## Need Groceries? Medications? Yard Work Done?



Pete DiLauro can help! I'm a Wells College student staying with John and Marie Dentes. I'm happy to pick up groceries and medication to keep our community safe and well free of charge.

I am also a landscaper and can do yard work and tend to your garden, as well as other small chores.

Contact Pete 518-339-1282. Local references available upon request.

## The Aurora Historical Society Moves Online, Offers More Rare Photos

The Aurora Historical Society/Village History Center, in line with the Village of Aurora and State regulations, is suspending public hours for the present. The current show, “Scoundrels & Scamps,” began as an online serialized story on Wednesday, and will continue publishing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with as much enhanced content as possible—more old photos, more about the scenes as they are today. More than five hundred people have stopped by already; this is a crowd it’s safe to join. Maybe you’ll connect with a friend from years ago.

So please look up “Village of Aurora Historical Society,” using the full name in quotes. The [Facebook page](#) is the first entry; click on it. (You don’t have to “be on Facebook” to visit—it’s a public page.) Bookmark and return often. If there is a fourth-grader in your life, please enjoy the content together (physically or on line); local and State history are required for that grade. Comments and memories always welcome!

Also, when you are looking for up-to-date local information, please visit the Village website, [auroranewyork.us](http://auroranewyork.us). While you’re there, scroll down to the “History” tab for lots more intriguing stories.

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### A Note from Peachtown Elementary

Dear Friends,

Like schools across the Nation, Peachtown Elementary has jumped into the world of remote and online learning; the teachers and staff adapted their lessons in just a few days for students learning at home and began to develop contingency plans for the future.

As a small independent school, we rely upon tuition revenues and the support of our donors to sustain us.



Peachtown is committed to accessibility to families of all socio-economic backgrounds; we provide tens of thousands of dollars each year to support students in need. As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our families are now unemployed or facing future furloughs. *If you are able*, we need your help to increase our scholarship giving and to ensure our future.

However difficult it seems now to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we hope that once there, all the small diverse businesses and organizations that make our community special are

intact. Please help if you can by clicking on the link below to make an online donation, or send a check made payable to Peachtown Elementary School, P.O. Box 178, Aurora, NY 13026.

Donate Today! <http://www.peachtownschoo.com/p/payments-gifts.html>

# Two Ways to Celebrate Easter with the United Ministry of Aurora

## Chalk Day Saturday, April 11

Kids (and not kids), bring your chalk and draw and decorate Easter eggs on the sidewalk in front of the United Ministry Church. Any time is fine.

If that space is at all crowded, continue on to any area of the village sidewalk. You can leave messages, too.

## Easter Morning Village Organ Concert Sunday, April 12 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Scott Gross, on the United Ministry Organ, with windows and doors wide open to send out the sound, will play Easter hymns. Come, sit in your cars, or stand far apart, to listen and appreciate the bright Easter flowers in front of the open doors.

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## Book Discussion Group

A great book during difficult times and a great way to connect with others.

“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. I felt fear more times than I can remember, but I hid it behind a mask of boldness. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.” — Dalai Lama XIV, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*

Please join us for a discussion of *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, written by The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Carlton Abrams. We will be meeting via ZOOM every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Please email us if you would like to join this group: [interfaithcenterah@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcenterah@gmail.com)

Summary of the book: In 2015, Desmond Tutu, a former South African Archbishop and anti-apartheid pioneer, traveled to Dharamsala, a place in India and home to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, for his 80th birthday. Both have fought non-violently against oppression in their countries for over 50 years, while leading millions of people in their spiritual journeys. Hence, they took this special occasion as a chance to sit down together and evaluate one of life's most important questions: how do we find joy in the face of suffering?

While the two addressed many obstacles to joy, along with eight pillars that enable it, we will use the following three lessons to address the root issue and how to move past it:

1. A life without suffering does not exist.
2. Since we can't control suffering, we must practice our response to it.
3. Compassion and sadness help us alleviate our troublesome responses to suffering.

Would you like to be more peaceful in the face of frustrating and frightening events, suffering and failure? Then let's heed the words of these two great minds!

<https://www.amazon.com/Book-Joy-Lasting-Happiness-Changing/dp/0399185046>

## Help Create Kindness Make Thank You Cards

Create Kindness, a local youth program based in Southern Cayuga, is creating food-themed thank you cards for those helping our community have access to food (i.e. cafeteria employees, food pantry teams, and grocery store employees). They have provided a link to a [YouTube video](#) of the book *Thank You, Uma* for creative inspiration. You can post your artwork and tag [@kidscreatekindness@gmail.com](mailto:@kidscreatekindness@gmail.com) to share what you (both kids and adults) have been creating!

Hold on to your cards, they will collect them when we are all able to gather again.

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## Operating Information for Local Restaurants, Wineries, and Breweries

Many of our favorite local restaurants, breweries, and wineries are still open for take-out and delivery! Check the links below for updated hours, menus, and availability:

**Aurora Brewing Co.** - packaged beer for takeout. Call or text 315-294-0447 or visit [facebook.com/aurorabrewco](https://facebook.com/aurorabrewco).

**Bright Leaf Vineyard** – wine for pick up or delivery, visit <https://www.brightleafvineyard.com/>.

**Dugan's Country Grill** - food for takeout. Call 315-364-5500 or visit [facebook.com/Dugans-Country-Grill-371693684609](https://facebook.com/Dugans-Country-Grill-371693684609).

**Fargo Bar & Grill** - food and beverages for takeout. Call 315-364-8006 or visit [facebook.com/fargobargrill](https://facebook.com/fargobargrill).

**Genoa Hotel** - food for takeout. Call 315-497-9565.

**King Ferry Corner Store** – 315-364-5300 or visit [facebook.com/kingferrycornerstore/](https://facebook.com/kingferrycornerstore/)

**King Ferry Pizzeria** - food for takeout. Call 315-364-8084.

**Long Point Winery** - wine sales only. Call 315-364-6990 or visit [facebook.com/longpointwinery](https://facebook.com/longpointwinery).

**Treleaven Wines** - food and wine for takeout. Call 315-364-5100 or visit [facebook.com/treleavenwines](https://facebook.com/treleavenwines).

**Village Market** – call 315-364-8803 or visit [facebook.com/villagemarketaurorany/](https://facebook.com/villagemarketaurorany/).

**Wilcox General Store** – call 315-364-8076 or visit [facebook.com/wilcoxgeneralstorekingferry/](https://facebook.com/wilcoxgeneralstorekingferry/).

For information on more local businesses, please see *The Citizen's* frequently updated list: [https://auburnpub.com/news/local/list-cayuga-county-area-eateries-offering-takeout-delivery-during-covid/article\\_73e38fa2-98c5-5e94-a3d1-7a89e0f58609.html#tracking-source=home-top-story-1](https://auburnpub.com/news/local/list-cayuga-county-area-eateries-offering-takeout-delivery-during-covid/article_73e38fa2-98c5-5e94-a3d1-7a89e0f58609.html#tracking-source=home-top-story-1).

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## Wells College Named to Phi Theta Kappa's 2020 Transfer Honor Roll

*The honor society recognized Wells as one of the best four-year colleges which have proven outcomes for transfer success.*

AURORA, N.Y. (March 27, 2020)—Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) announced this week that it has included Wells College on its 2020 Transfer Honor Roll, in recognition of the College's excellence in creating and implementing dynamic pathways for transfer students.

This year's award was given to a select group of 122 four-year colleges and universities that have demonstrated success at providing a smooth and supportive transition for community college transfer students.

“Wells College offers its students a personalized experience, which—along with our generous credit transfer policy—makes the process of transferring seamless and easy for all prospective students, including those currently attending community colleges,” said Melinda Slawson, assistant director of transfer admissions at Wells College.

One way that Wells helps PTK transfer applicants is through its Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. PTK members who are accepted to Wells will receive a \$2,000 scholarship in addition to being considered for the Minerva Scholarship (which provides up to \$10,000).

“The Transfer Honor Roll reflects the growing importance of recognizing and responding to the needs of transfer students,” said Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Phi Theta Kappa’s president and CEO. “This award is given to four-year colleges and universities with proven outcomes for transfer success. They are the best at providing a supportive and smooth transition from community college—equating to increased rates of bachelor’s degree attainment for transfer students,” Tincher-Ladner added.

“I am delighted to be included on the PTK Honor Roll,” said Wells College president Jonathan Gibraltar. “Phi Theta Kappa has recognized our success in partnering with a number of local colleges to establish transfer pathways for our students,” President Gibraltar added. To learn more about transfer admissions at Wells College, visit [wells.edu/transfer](https://wells.edu/transfer).

### **About Phi Theta Kappa**

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate’s degree-granting colleges and in helping them grow as scholars and leaders. The society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation’s colleges. Learn more at [ptk.org](https://ptk.org).

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## **Stories of Southern Cayuga**

### **“Life of a Cat”**

Zaki Javed

*This is something I wrote in my first few months in the United States after coming to Aurora. This is my story of how I got here. I wrote it for English class.*

Once Upon a Time

In the Moon, there was one Cat, and the Cat lived with his family. They lived in one small village. Cat had a happy life and he went to school with other tame animals. The tame animals worked hard and got along with each other. They wanted to learn knowledge and they tried hard. He didn’t know anything from the outside world because all his life was lived in the same village. But there was one problem, on that planet a lot of animals lived, especially wild animals that made life hard for other animals.

Two groups of those animals were dangerous.

One were the Foxes and the other one were Wolves.

These groups were fighting with the king of the planet.

The king was Lion.

Foxes and Wolves were unmerciful, they always killed the other animals.

When they killed other animals, they felt happy.

They also tried to take the power from the Lion.

Lion tried hard to keep the power and defended other animals.

The situation on of Moon was terrible!

For a long time, there were wars and the planet was almost destroyed.

The life of every animal was in danger, especially the life Cat because the Wolves wanted to kill the Cat.

His family decided to send him off the planet to a safe planet.

They sent him to Mars.

Cat arrived in Mars and situation was so bad because everything was new and was so very strange for him and Cat didn't know what he should do?

Cat had no friends, no family, no foods, no place to go.

Some animals showed him one organization that organization helped those animals that escaped from Moon and they send the animals to other planets, some safe planets, Cat went to organization.

Cat: I'm from Moon and I don't have any friends or any place to go.

Organization: Now, we can't help you. Here is a lot of animals that escaped from Moon and we don't have empty place for you, if we find any place we will call you.

Cat: As I said to you, I don't have friends, family, food and I don't know where should I go?

Organization: Sorry, we can't do anything.

Cat came out and stayed in front of organization, Cat scared and didn't know what should do? Or how to find food? Cat didn't know the language of Mars' animals.

First night the Cat slept at street without anything just put his bag instead of pillow.

Next night Cat found some carton to sleep on, and Cat slept at street for 20 days, sometime the Mars animals brought some foods for him and Cat became so weak, when Cat walked, he felt weak on his feet.

After 20 days, the Organization accept him and sent him to the camp.

The situation of camp was not good but was better than street, and they helped the animals but not as much as good because they said we don't have enough food or places for everyone.

The Cat stayed in one camp and Cat had the hardest life in Mars because Cat missed his family and his family also was in danger, Cat worried about them and the situation of camp also was not good.

Cat stayed there for three and half years, he fought with his problems and passed a lot of hardships.

Finally, the organization sent him to the Earth!

Now, Cat started a new life in new place, with new animals and new cultures.

Cat is happy because now he is safe and he likes the Earth.

Sometimes Cat misses his family and his friends and he worried about his family because Moon is not safe, but he can't do anything.

Cat lives with very kind animals, they are like his family and Cat found some friends too.

Now life of Cat is good, Cat has a lot of dreams, he wants to reach his dreams, but is so lazy too.

The Cat wishes the peace comes to every planet and everyone lives in peace without war.

*Zaki Javed is a 19-year-old student at Southern Cayuga. He was born in Afghanistan but was smuggled out of his country when he was 13 and sent to a refugee house in Jakarta, Indonesia for Afghan refugee minors. Catholic Charities in Syracuse partners with Onondaga Social Services and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in relocating Undocumented Refugee Minors (URM). He arrived in the US in November 2018 and now lives, along with two other Afghan refugee youth, in Aurora with Barb Blom, a very proud foster mom. He is a high honor roll student, soccer player, photographer, and excellent cook.*

*His story is an inspiration in troubling times.*

# APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Book Discussion Group, 3 p.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7:15 p.m.	<b>2</b> 4-H Food Drive Collection Box Pick-Up	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Book Discussion Group, 3 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> UMA Chalk Day
<b>12</b> UMA Easter Concert, 10 a.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Book Discussion Group, 3 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Book Discussion Group, 3 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Book Discussion Group, 3 p.m.	<b>30</b>		