

THE HUB

YOUR SOURCE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND SOUTHERN CAYUGA PRESENTED BY THE AURORA FREE LIBRARY

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

- The library wishes you all a healthy and happy holiday season! We look forward to seeing you for **Christmas in Aurora** where we will be decorating **graham cracker houses** in the morning at 11 a.m., the Morgan Opera House will host a **Brass Trio** at 3 p.m., and **Santa** will visit for photos after the **Village Tree Lighting** at 4 p.m.
- On **Wednesday, December 11 from 4-6 p.m.**, we invite everyone to visit on the actual date our library opened its doors 125 years ago! We will have displays, a slideshow, cake, and a special treat for the kids. Come join us as we celebrate the past, present, and future of the library!
- Stop in this month to find our **Gnome on the Roam** who will be hiding in the stacks in a different spot daily. Kids will be entered to win a prize each time they find it during the month.
- The **Southern Cayuga Book Club** will meet at Opendore on **Wednesday, December 4** to begin to choose books for next year, have a cookie exchange for those interested, and hear a holiday story. All are always welcome to join the club or our Monday **Fiber Friends** group at 4 p.m. Families are welcome for **Wednesday Storytime** at 9:30 a.m.
- The library always welcomes volunteers and would especially like to thank **Debbie Ross** and **Linda Kabelac** for their weekly volunteering. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email Sandy Groth at aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or ask next time you visit.
- Lastly, our **Annual Appeal** is underway. More information will be on our website soon.
- The library always welcomes **volunteers**. If you are interested in discussing opportunities, please reach out to Sandy Groth at aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or ask next time you are visiting.
- Check our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for up-to-date information. Library hours are Monday and Friday 3-7 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Be sure to visit to check out our new materials and look online for our books and magazines at <https://flls.overdrive.com/>. The library will be closed on December 25 and January 1.



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Dungeons & Dragons Campaign

AT THE AURORA LIBRARY



New & Veteran Adventurers Are **Welcome!**

- New DM looking for a group to play with.
- Grades 7th-12th
- If you have dice, please bring them. If not no worries I have some that you can borrow.



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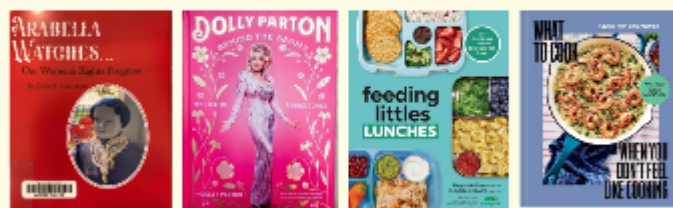
NEW ADULT & YA FICTION

The Boyfriend by Freida McFadden
The Games Gods Play by Abigail Owen
The Briar Club: A Novel (Audiobook) by Kate Quinn
The Hitchcock Hotel by Stephanie Wrobel
Intermezzo: A Novel by Sally Rooney
Killing Time by M.C. Beaton
Playground: A Novel by Richard Powers
This Is Why We Lied by Karin Slaughter
The Waiting by Michael Connelly
The Flicker by H.E. Edgmon



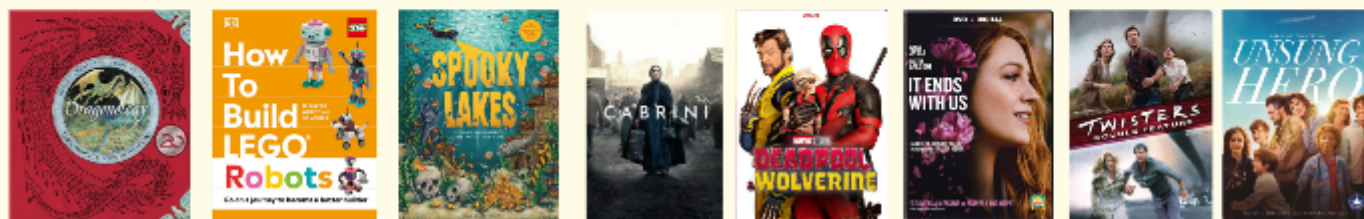
NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

Arabella Watches...Our Women's Rights Progress by Claire R. Morehouse
Dolly Parton Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones by Dolly Parton
Feeding Littles Lunches: 75+ No Stress Lunches Everyone Will Love by Megan McNamee
What To Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking by Caroline Chambers



NEW KIDS' NON-FICTION

Dr. Ernest Drake's Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons by Dugald Steer
How To Build LEGO Robots by Hannah Dolan
The Mighty Pollinators by Helen Frost
Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes That Dot Our Planet by Geo Rutherford



NEW ADULT DVDS

Cabrini (DVD)
Deadpool & Wolverine (DVD)
It Ends With Us (DVD)
Twisters: Double Feature (DVD)
Unsung Hero (DVD)

NEW KIDS' GRAPHIC NOVELS

Sunset of the Sabertooth: the Graphic Novel by Jenny Laird
Unicorn Time Machine: Another Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure by Dana Simpson
Wings of Fire: The Dark Secret (Book Four) by Tui T. Sutherland



NEW PICTURE BOOKS

Abuelita's Gift: A Día De Muertos Story by Mariana Rios Ramirez

A Dragon for Hanukkah by Sarah Mlynowski

Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine by Hannah Moushabeck

I Quit by Kristen Tracy

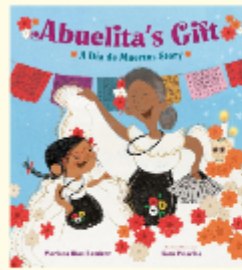
Knight Owl and Early Bird by Christopher Denise

A Map for Falasteen by Maysa Odeh

The Snow Thief by Alice Hemming

Uh-oh! My Dragon's Hungry by Katie Weaver

You Are Not Sleepy! by Mark Teague



NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION

Pinkalicious: Lost in Paris (Easy Reader) by Victoria Kann

Black Star by Kwame Alexander

Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody by Patrick Ness

Felix Powell, Dog Boy by Erin Entrada Kelly

The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science by Kate McKinnon

Mouse and His Dog by Katherine Applegate

The Owllympic Games by Rebecca Elliott

Shark Night by R. L. Stine

The Sherlock Society by James Ponti

Spy School Goes Wild by Stuart Gibbs

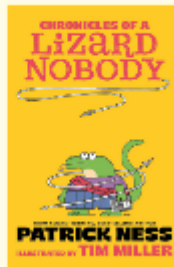
A Strange Thing Happened In Cherry Hall by James Warga

The Time Travel Twins by James Patterson

When We Flew Away: A Novel of Anne Frank,

Before the Diary by Alice Hoffman

Wrath of the Triple Goddess by Rick Riordan



COMMUNITY NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2024 CASTING

CASTING: TUES, DEC 3, 4-5PM

ANGELS & SHEPHERDS: TUES, DEC 10, 4-5PM

KEY ROLES: THURS, DEC 12, 4-5PM

FULL DRESS: TUESDAY, DEC 17, 4-5.30PM

PAGEANT: FRIDAY DECEMBER 20, 7PM

Rehearsals held in the United Ministry Church Lounge,
337 Main St, Aurora

Parents: When picking up children please come
inside to meet them.

Questions: call Claire Morehouse 315-364-8439



Christmas in Aurora at Patrick Tavern

Expect a full line-up of diverse offerings on December 7. In the tent you'll find Cookie Wheeler with hearty soups and desserts (come indoors to eat) and Alicia Kirk will be selling fine leatherwork and more. Indoors, Ellen Hall and Linda Dugan will display and sell their superb photographic art. Fiber artists Heather Warren, Margaret Flowers, and Linda Schwab will be demonstrating as well as selling their work. Jeweler Tina Scherer and potter Jessana Levitsky add new arts to this event; the SanPedro Sister Community table is always varied and exciting, and Ron Woodburn's honey, candles, and more are deservedly popular. Farmer veterans Jeff and Nina Saeli will be showcasing Centurion Farm's pork, vegetables, and herbs. Finally, Camp Gregory has a children's table, there is café seating, and a handicapped-accessible restroom.

Note about scheduling going forward: The Patrick Tavern Market in December will be open 4:30-6 p.m. on December 3, 10, and 17. December 17 is the last market of 2024, resuming monthly in February, March, and April 2025, and going to weekly in the latter part of May.

News from Opendore and the Howland Stone Store Museum

Our 2024 formal tour and program season has concluded but that doesn't mean activity at the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore has slowed down at all.

The East Porch is nearing completion and we invite you to come and see what the over 600 volunteer hours of work has accomplished.

Details for our winter Reading and Discussion program are being completed at this time and information will soon be available on the HSSM website. The topic for this year is ABOLITION and the readings will prove to be educational and enlightening.

The Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum in Auburn is hosting their 4th annual *Festival of the Trees*. Please stop by to see the trees that have been decorated by over 180 businesses, clubs and organizations in the area, casting your vote for your favorite ones. The HSSM tree has been decorated with copies of the many cards sent to Emily Howland over the years. The personal messages on some are a pleasure to read to gain insight on the many friendships Emily had.

Please do remember that Opendore is available for private tours throughout the winter, as well as a site for club meetings, board meetings, workshops etc. Contacting a board member to set it up is all that is necessary. The [HSSM website](#) contains all the information you'll need to reach out.

Finally, all of us at the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.



Upcoming Styrofoam Recycling Event

Cayuga Climate Action will hold its second annual styrofoam recycling event, date and locations TBD early in 2025. Please save your clean, dry packing foam for recycling. (No peanuts or food containers). More information to follow in January.

Photo from the 2024 Cayuga Climate Action Foam Recycling Day

King Ferry Food Pantry



12 Days of Christmas

Help make the season a little brighter for our neighbors in need by donating these twelve items in early December:

- December 1 - reusable shopping bag to hold your gifts
- December 2 - can of tuna
- December 3 - can of soup
- December 4 - box of crackers
- December 5 - box of granola bars
- December 6 - package of spaghetti
- December 7 - package of fruit cups
- December 8 - package of shelf-stable pudding cups
- December 9 - package of holiday cookies
- December 10 - box of hot chocolate packets
- December 11 - box of instant oatmeal
- December 12 - can or plastic jar of spaghetti
- Optional: Add a greeting card or note

Please drop off gift bags on Thursday, Dec 19 between 2:30-5:30 PM at KFFP

Southern Cayuga High School Ag Wing (next to the greenhouse)
2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, NY 13026

For more information, call Debbie at (315) 497-2049



Unity House's Giving Tuesday campaign is LIVE! Every gift made until midnight on December 3 will be matched by an anonymous donor, doubling your impact. Each dollar we raise together will empower people with disabilities in central New York. Unity House provides housing, respite, and employment and rehabilitative services for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and/or those overcoming addiction. Every day, Unity House helps them live their best lives.

Please make a donation today and help Unity House reach its \$25,000 fundraising goal by December 3. Thank you for your support of our mission!

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/unityhouse2024/>

Unity House, 217 Genesee St, Auburn NY 13021

Announcements from United Ministry of Aurora

Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m. – Communion on the First Sunday of the month

We welcome you wherever you are on your journey and whoever you are! We are compassionate, loving, and fun!

Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – Christmas in Aurora

Vendors Grisamore Farm, AuroraFest, Camp Gregory, Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, Claire Morehouse (books), Penney Cook (pickles, plants, and more), Sarah Hocutt (silver jewelry), Kathy Jordan (lucky stone jewelry), Preschool fun, and UMA baked goods fundraiser for the King Ferry Food Pantry!

Sunday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. – Special Lessons and Carols

A beautiful service of music and readings.

Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Pageant

A very special candle lit children's pageant with shepherds, kings, sheep, camels, and more. If your child would like to participate, please contact umaofc@gmail.com, all are welcome.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Family Service, 5:30 p.m. Children may come as angels, kings, shepherds....

Traditional Service, 7:30 p.m. With communion and special music.

Sunday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. – Hymn Sing

THE factory

HOLIDAY ART MARKET @ ARTIST ALLEY



Shop over 70+ local artists in a curated holiday market!

Dates/Times:

Friday, Dec. 6
4pm-8pm

Saturday, Dec. 7
10am-4pm

Sunday, Dec. 8
11am-4pm

Location:

Artist Alley

Ground floor of South Hill
Business Campus,
950 Danby Rd. Ithaca, NY

(Plenty of free parking!)

• Aurora-based vendors include:

- Artist Audra Linsner, Three of Four Design Co.
- Aurora Cookie Co.
- Everything from paintings, photography, textiles, illustration, and ceramics to jewelry and unique home decor.
- Meet artists in their studios, as well as invited creators in the factory's alleys.
- Savor local delights from food vendors like Just Desserts, Osakaya, Aurora Cookie Co., and Marie's Macarons.
- Experience a cozy, indoor holiday event filled with creativity and warmth.
- Visit the Gallery, enjoy daily musical performances and experience the Factory Pic-IDEA!

See you there!

TheFactoryArtMarket.com

More details on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)

Fleming Federated Church calendar of Holiday Events



Dec 08th Caroling Time to be determined



Dec 15th Christmas pageant. 4pm.

Kids arrive at 3pm to get ready.

Soup following



Dec 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @

7:00pm

The Poplar Ridge Players
presents



The Shepherds' Play

Saturday, December 14 at 4pm
King Ferry Presbyterian Church

Saturday, December 21 at 7pm
Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting

Free admission



Bring the family!

Ut Hoy! It's Time for The Shepherd's Play!

Celebrate the season with a cherished tradition—the 46th annual *Shepherd's Play*! This delightful holiday performance brings together community, laughter, and the spirit of the season.

Mark your calendars for two great shows:

Saturday, December 14, 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of King Ferry

Saturday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.
Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting House

Admission is free, so gather your friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy this time-honored classic. Ut Hoy—we'll see you there!



2024 Holidayz

Encouraging Community & Creativity

• 12/6 • ALL DAY •

Open Studio
All Ages

• 12/14 • 11 AM TO 1 PM •

Cocoa & Carols with Ally Colvin
All Ages

• 12/7 • 6 PM •

Winter Supper (registration by 12/1)*
Chicken Tikka Marsala or Squash Curry

• 12/14 • 6 PM •

Winter Supper (registration by 12/8)*
Seafood or Vegetarian Lasagna

• 12/9 • 6 TO 9 PM

Weekend Workers' Happy Hour
with Steamboiler Works
21+

• 12/29 •

Holiday High Tea
details coming soon

*Registrations at Northvillearts.com are required

• 12/20 TO 12/26 •

Holiday Closing

LOOKING TO FILL OUT
YOUR HOLIDAY MENU?
ASK US ABOUT CATERING OPTIONS
AND BUBBLES BY THE CASE



999 State Route 34B • King Ferry, NY 13081

info@northvillearts.com

Hours: Saturdays: 9 AM - 5 PM & Sundays: 9 AM - 2 PM

northvillearts.com



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Schedule is subject to change

Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries



Aurora Brewing Co.

Joel Kane

Friday, December 6, 5-8 p.m.

Jimmy Stapp

Saturday, December 7, 5-8 p.m.

Ryan Peterson Trio

Friday, December 13, 5-8 p.m.

Benny and the Mex

Saturday, December 14, 5-8 p.m.

Bright Leaf Vineyard

Holiday Paint & Sip

Saturday, December 21, 1-3 p.m.

Come join us for a holiday Paint and Sip with Nikki Beil from 1-3 p.m.

Tickets include supplies, tax, and 1 glass of wine

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Treleaven Wines

Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch

Sundays, 12-5 p.m.

Football Sundays

1-5 p.m.

Holiday Trivia League

Thursdays through December 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Barrel Room Concert Series

Saturdays, 5-8 p.m.

December 7 – Brothers Crossett

December 14 – Crystal Vision

December 21 – Tru Bleu

December 28 – The Major Keys

Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“A red-tailed hawk and sandhill cranes.”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 p.m.

Opendore

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet for a holiday celebration, cookie exchange, and to plan titles for 2025.



- * 10 am to 3:30 pm, **Holiday Craft Fair at United Ministry of Aurora**, in the Social Room, 337 Main Street. Featuring local artists and non-profits. Get your holiday shopping under way here!
- * 10 am to 4 pm, **Silent Charity Auction at the Masonic Temple**, 325 Main Street. Come bid on donated items to support Peachtown School.
- * 10 am to 6 pm, **Copperesque Pop-Up Shop at The Schoolhouse**, 371 Main Street. Free painting demonstration starts at 5 pm. Shop a curated collection of art, lighting, pottery, jewelry, ornaments and much more! Join us here Thanksgiving week through the end of the year.
- * 11 am to 1 pm, **Graham Cracker House Decorating at the Library**, 370 Main Street.
- * 11 am to 3 pm, **Cookie Contest at the Fargo**, 384 Main Street. Bring your cookies to the Moose Room. Voting will take place all day, and the winner will be announced at the 4 pm Tree Lighting.
- * 11 am to 3 pm, **Fun on the lawn at UMA**, 337 Main Street. Make a bird feeder or swag with the Aurorafest Committee; Grisamore Farms sells wreaths, swags, cider and more. Toast S'mores with Camp Gregory!
- * 11 am to 3:30 pm, **Arts, Crafts, and More at Patrick Tavern**, 302 Main Street at the corner of Dublin Hill Road. Explore unique local products, watch artisans at work, find just-right gifts, & take a break for hearty soup. Children's craft table, too.
- * 11 am to 5 pm, **Trader Rose**, 286 Main Street. Decorated for Christmas and with free stuff in addition to the regular, always cheerful, assortment of merchandise. And this is our last one, so be sure to come by!
- * 11 am to Midnight, **Fargo Bar & Grill**. All day we are serving decadent specialty hot chocolates (boozy and N/A), along with our delicious Fargo fare until 9 pm. Our late-night bar is open 'til Midnight!
- * 12 pm to 4 pm, **Annual Open House & Christmas Shop at Robert LoMascolo's Antique Print Shop**, 2211 Moonshine Road, just up the hill on the corner of Rt. 90 & Moonshine Road. Come see the new acquisitions to the working museum, and make a free ornament on an antique press!
- * 3 pm, **Free Concert at the Morgan Opera House**, upstairs at the library, 370 Main Street. Ember Low Brass Trio, a unique combination of Trombone, Tuba & Euphonium, will play music of the season and more. Donations to King Ferry Food Pantry are appreciated.
- * 4 pm, **Caroling and Tree Lighting with Santa at the Post Office**, photos with Santa at the Library.
- * 4 pm until sold out, **Pizza at the Fire Department**, 456 Main Street, pick-up or eat-in. Call 315-364-8590 after 3 pm to place your order. Aurorafest will be selling tickets to win a beautiful wreath donated by Grisamore Farms to benefit the new ambulance fund. Come join us!

Special events all day along Main Street; watch for signs!



AURORA FREE LIBRARY
CHRISTMAS IN AURORA EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

11 AM – 1 PM
**GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE
DECORATING**

3 PM
EMBERS LOW BRASS TRIO CONCERT

4 PM
**SANTA VISITS AFTER TREE LIGHTING
AND CAROLING**


**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
LIBRARY EVENTS**

www.aurorafreelibrary.org



GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE DECORATING

AT THE AURORA FREE LIBRARY



Come and celebrate the holidays
with us as you decorate your
own graham cracker house!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

11 AM – 1 PM

AURORAFREELIBRARY.ORG

The Village of Aurora Historical Society

Invites you to celebrate the season &
help us wrap-up a momentous year with
Christmas in Aurora at the 1793 Patrick Tavern

11 am to 3:30 pm

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Patrick Tavern, 302 Main Street
(enter via Dublin Hill Road)

Arts, Crafts, and More

Explore unique local products, watch artisans work,

find just-right gifts,

& take a break for hearty soup

Children's craft table, too

Look for the Historical Society's 2024 year-end newsletter coming soon.

Learn about the wonderful things we've been doing and
what's in store for 2025

Join our Membership Drive (available at Patrick Tavern)

The New Membership Year begins in January

The Morgan Opera House

Proudly presents

Embers Low Brass Trio

Saturday, December 7 at 3 PM



Euphonium, Trombone, and Tuba

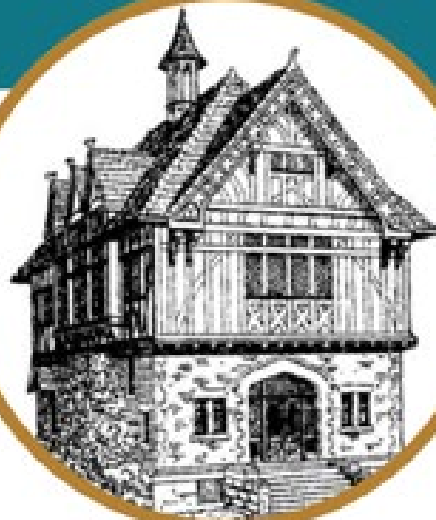
Free, but Donations for King Ferry Food Pantry Appreciated

370 Main Street Aurora

Handicapped Accessible from Cherry Ave

Aurora Free Library

Come Celebrate 125 Years!



Join us to commemorate
the date 125 years ago
that the library opened!

Wednesday, December 11

4-6 pm

*Have a slice of cake as we continue to celebrate our
historic past, vibrant present and exciting future.*

Displays, slideshow & more!

All are welcome!

Community Live Nativity Pageant

All are
welcome

December 15th

At the Fleming #2 Firehouse



Kids come at 3pm to get ready.

The pageant is at 4pm.

Soup served following the
performance.



DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m. Football Sundays, 1-5 p.m.	2 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. D&D, 5:30-7 p.m.	3 Pageant Casting, 4-5 p.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m. Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	4 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	5 Holiday Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	6 Northville Open Studio, all day Art Market, 4-8 p.m. → Joel Kane, 5-8 p.m.	7 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Art Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. → Christmas in Aurora, various times Jimmy Stapp, 5-8 p.m. Brothers Crossett, 5-8 p.m. Winter Supper, 6 p.m.
8 Art Market, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. → Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m. Football Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Fleming Caroling, time TBA	9 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. D&D, 5:30-7 p.m. Weekend Workers Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m.	10 Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m. Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	11 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. AFL 125 th Anniversary Celebration, 4-6 p.m.	12 Holiday Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	13 Ryan Peterson Trio, 5-8 p.m.	14 Cocoa & Carols, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Shepherds' Play, 4 p.m. Benny and the Mex, 5-8 p.m. Crystal Vision, 5-8 p.m. Winter Supper, 6 p.m.
15 Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m. Football Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Live Nativity Pageant, 4 p.m.	16. Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.	17 Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m. Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	18 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	19 KFFP drop-off, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Holiday Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	20 Aurora Christmas Pageant, 7 p.m.	21 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Paint/Sip, 1-3 p.m. Tru Bleu, 5-8 p.m. Shepherds' Play, 7 p.m.
22 Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m. Football Sundays, 1-5 p.m. <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	23 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28 The Major Keys, 5-8 p.m.
29 Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m. Football Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Holiday High Tea, time TBA	30 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.	31				