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## Calendar of Events

### February 2020

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| February 5     | Ag Trivia at Pollyanna Brewing – Roselle, 7pm        |
| February 10    | Board Meeting 7:30pm                                 |
| February 12-13 | Ag Expo for DuPage County area schools               |
| February 14    | Bowling Registration Deadline                        |
| February 17    | Office Closed  |
| February 22    | Bowling Outing at Bowlero, Glendale Heights, 12:45pm |
| February 25    | Ag Trivia at Alter Brewing – Downers Grove, 7pm      |
| February 28    | Teacher Institute Day, College of DuPage             |

*Happy Valentine's Day*

## DuPage Co. FB Honored at AFBF Annual Convention

by Kara Norton,  
Executive Director of  
DuPage County Farm Bureau

How exciting! DuPage County Farm Bureau was honored and showcased at the American Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Convention and Tradeshow in Austin, Texas in January as part of AFBF's County Activities of Excellence Awards. The County

Activities of Excellence (CAE) Award celebrates "unique, volunteer-driven programming at the local level" in areas of education, ag promotion, member services, public relations and information, and leadership development. DCFB staff and board members hosted a booth highlighting the "Consumer Gateway to



Kara Norton

Kara Norton, Executive Director of DuPage County Farm Bureau, and Kristina Baumbach, Education Coordinator, pose at the DCFB booth at the AFBF Convention in January.



## Farm. Family. Food.

Ag" social media campaign promoted in 2019. The social media campaign, #Gateway to Ag, reached over 52,000 consumers through Facebook, Twitter, and Insta-

gram. We posted monthly topics during the year-long campaign. This is the third CAE Award for the DuPage County Farm Bureau!

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### Join DCFB for the 2020 Family & Friends Bowling Outing

Saturday, February 22, 12:45 p.m.

**Bowlero** (Formerly Brunswick Zone)

558 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights

All DCFB Members, Family & Friends are welcome!

Bumper Lanes available for kids (under 12)

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per person

(3 Games & Shoe Rental, if needed)



Deadline to sign up: Friday, February 14, 5:00 p.m.

PRIZES – AWARDS – FUN

50-50 Drawing

To benefit the Farm Bureau Foundation's Ag in the Classroom Fund

Bowling Entry Form

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #s \_\_\_\_\_ Age (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#Entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed with entry form

Mixed Doubles

Husband/Wife

Send with Checks Payable to:

DuPage County Farm Bureau

245 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188

*See page 6 for Spring Planting Workshops and Spring Break Camps*

## AFBF Award

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Our 2020 campaign was rolled out on January 1. We will be highlighting an area of Agriculture each month. Topics for each month are: January – Farmer Vocab (common terms in ag that consumers may not know); February – Unexpected Ag (by-products of crops & animals); March – Conserva-

tion Efforts (cover crops, no till, crop rotations, etc); April – What's in Season/Growing Seasons (when and where crops are grown); May – Farm to Table (interview local restaurant about farm to table process); June – Dairy Month; July – Farmers Markets (markets around the county, what does "local" mean, etc.); August – Common Farm Equipment (pictures and explanations of modern equipment);

September – Myth Busters (common ag myths vs. what is true); October – Trade (U.S. trading, top exports/imports, tariffs, etc); November – Ag Careers; December – Where can you find Ag in DuPage County today? As always, each month we will have a trivia section with a special prize.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to view our new campaign.

## Recruiter of the Month

Congratulations to our December Recruiter of the Month, Frank Di Stefano. In December, Frank signed 4 new members for the DuPage County Farm Bureau. Frank has been with COUNTRY Financial since

April 2017. His office is located at 245 S. Gary Ave, Carol Stream, 60188. He can be reached at 630.668.4150.

Thank you, Frank, for your hard work in recruiting new members!



Frank Di Stefano

## Illinois Top State in Soybean Production

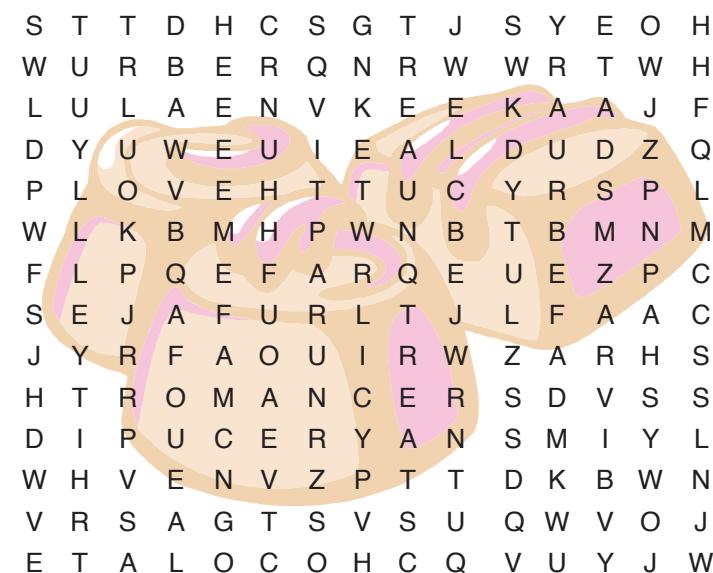
Illinois continues to top the annual crop production report estimate for soybean production, according to 2019 USDA estimates. Despite a tough growing season for most of the Midwest, Illinois farmers consistently produced strong soybean yields, all while remaining committed to stewardship and efficient crop management.

Illinois soybean farmers

raised 532.4 million bushels of soybeans in 2019 on 9.86 million harvested acres with an average yield of 54 bushels per acre. Iowa ranked second in production with

501.6 million bushels raised on 9.120 million acres.

To learn more about ISA efforts and the soybean checkoff, please visit [www.ilsoy.org](http://www.ilsoy.org).



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# Illinois AGRICULTURE in the Classroom<sup>SM</sup>

Kristina Baumbach  
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**A**g in the Classroom is a free program that visits DuPage schools to teach the importance of agriculture. The lessons can be adjusted for all age levels and meets learning standards. We would also be happy to be a part of community events that relate to our agricultural literacy program vision and goals.

**For more information contact:**  
[dupageaitc@dcfb.org](mailto:dupageaitc@dcfb.org) or 630-668-8161.

## December's Numbers:

3,562 students  
239 teachers

**Total students reached to date:**  
17,599 students

**Most Presented Topics:**  
Soybeans & Livestock

## Teacher Quote about an AITC Visit:

*"The students loved the visual presentation and the topic. They had a lot of connections. We LOVE Ag in the Classroom. Thank you!"*

—Kingsley Elementary School,  
Kindergarten

We wrapped up 2019 by teaching about soybeans and livestock! Students learned about how farmers grow and harvest soybeans and the products they are used in. They also learned about livestock lifecycles and all the products made from livestock. Top projects included soybean beanie babies and livestock barns made with spaghetti and marshmallows.

## Ag in the Classroom—Connecting Kids With Agriculture



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**Did You Know?**  
Beef cattle are raised in all 50 states. In 2018, Americans consumed 26 billion pounds of beef.

Photos, left to right: 1. 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Pleasant Hill Elementary learned about dairy cows and made their own butter with Kenna. 2. Students at Pierce Downer School received a visit from Suzy. They learned about wheat, pigs, and built a barn using marshmallows and spaghetti. 3. Students at John L Sipley Elementary learned how the ingredients for pizza get from the farm to their plate with Kristina. 4. Marilyn visited Kingsley Elementary where students learned about the soybean lifecycle.

## Teacher Institute Day

DCFB Ag in the Classroom will be hosting a Teacher Institute Day on February 28<sup>th</sup> at College of DuPage. This year's theme is "Agriculture Everywhere." Participants will learn how to incorporate agriculture into their curriculums and receive 5 professional development hours. Registration is limited to 40 participants. For more information contact our office at 630.668.8161.

## Meet an AITC Educator: Jan Gibbons



*Did you know that the Ag in the Classroom program has 6 educators on our team? Now's your chance to meet these awesome educators and learn a little bit more about what they do.*

Jan Gibbons has been an Ag in the Classroom Educator since 2011. She grew up on a farm in Central Illinois and worked as an elementary school teacher before becoming involved with AITC. She loves sharing information with the students about farming and how important agriculture is to us. Jan's background and experiences have made her a valuable member of our team.

Jan most enjoys teaching students between Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. She loves teaching all the agriculture topics ranging from field crops and livestock to specialty crops and careers. "Many of the students aren't aware of farming and how it impacts our daily lives" says Jan. "I think this program opens their eyes and makes them more appreciative of where their food comes from and how it is grown."

# Ag Industry Spotlight: Meet Andy & Sarah Lenkaitis

Andy and Sarah Lenkaitis have always had a passion for farming. Both grew up on dairy farms – Andy in St. Charles, IL and Sarah in Brandon, WI. After college, the pair worked for companies within agriculture, but they felt something was missing. "We both missed being directly involved with farming," says Andy Lenkaitis, part owner and manager of Lenkaitis Holsteins. "So, in 2014, we purchased our first animal together. Her name was Dream-Prairie Rebate-Red-ET." Today, she has three daughters and four granddaughters in our herd. In November 2014, the couple began managing Andy's family dairy farm, Lenkaitis Holsteins.

Lenkaitis Holsteins was started in 1983 by Andy's parents, Albert Sr. and Mary Etta. Today, the farm is enjoyed by three generations of the Lenkaitis family and includes 160 Registered Holsteins. The farm grows alfalfa haylage, corn silage, grass hay, and small grain silage. These crops are all used as feed for the cows. "We currently milk 75 cows," Andy says. "Our milk goes to Dean's Foods in Rockford where it's made into cottage cheese and sour cream." In addition to selling milk, the farm also sells genetics to other Registered Holstein breeders, separated manure fiber to a local landscaper, and bull (male) calves to farmers who will raise them as beef steers.

Modern dairy farming

has become technologically advanced, and Lenkaitis Holsteins recently updated their farm with new innovations including robotic milkers, an automated manure system and herd management software to monitor the cow's



Andy and Sarah Lenkaitis with their son. The couple is proud of their family-owned farm

health. In April 2017, the family began construction on the new barn, and the cows moved into it in January 2019. "On a traditional dairy farm, all of the cows are milked twice or three times a day by people. With robotic milkers, the cows decide when they want to milk," explains Andy. Each cow has a collar with an RFID (radio frequency identification) tag that is unique to her. "Think of the collar like you'd think of a Fitbit on a human, it tracks each cow's activities similarly to how our activities are tracked," says Andy. The collar tracks the cow's resting and motion activity, how much and when she has been milked, and how much feed she consumes. It then compiles all of the data into a program that can be easily viewed on a computer for us to review and ensure our cows are healthy. When the cow enters the robotic milking unit, the tag is read to determine if it is time for the cow to be milked again. If eligible to milk, the unit at-

taches to the cow's udder. It dips her teats with an iodine-based cleaner, rinses them, milks her, and dips the teats again once she has finished milking. The machine also dispenses pellets while a cow is milking, which encourages the cows to visit the robot."

Andy and Sarah are members of the Kane County Farm Bureau. They enjoy

making connections with farmers outside the dairy industry and believe there is a lot that can be learned from working with one another. Most of all, the couple loves working with their family. "We are proud to have worked together to build a sustainable, successful dairy farm for the next generation of our family."

## Very Pinteresting

A column dedicated to finding you healthy recipes using the freshest ingredients



### Turkey & Egg Breakfast Casserole

Prep Time 15 mins • Cook time 50 mins. • 6 servings

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon coconut oil plus more for coating the dish
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 12 large eggs
- 1 small sweet potato peeled and sliced thin
- 1 cup baby spinach

#### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375°. Grease a 9 x 9" baking dish with coconut oil and set aside.



Peel and slice the sweet potato, making sure to cut slices 1/4-inch or less in thickness. Any thicker and they won't be tender. Line the bottom of the greased baking dish with the sliced potatoes in a single layer, some overlap is okay.

Melt 1 tablespoon of coconut oil in a medium-sized skillet over medium heat, add the ground turkey and season with chili powder and garlic powder (add salt and pepper too for more seasoning if desired). Using a spatula, break the meat apart and cook until browned, about 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and place on top of the sweet potato layer.

In a medium bowl beat the eggs with a whisk and pour over the ground turkey layer. Season with additional salt and pepper if desired.

Place the dish in the oven and cook for 30 minutes. Carefully slide the dish out, without removing it from the oven, and top with the spinach. Return to its position and continue cooking for 5 to 15 minutes until the center of the casserole is firm. I usually cook my casserole for 40 to 45 minutes in total.

*Note: Just barely let the potato slices overlap when layering the bottom of the dish.*



## Blue eggs, baby birds beat winter blahs

The promise of blue eggs from a chirping cardboard box helps beat the winter blahs at our house this season. Oh, how some tales from our household could form a nonsensical storybook. Yet, even Dr. Seuss didn't put this color of egg into rhymes nor illustrate the century-old tradition of chicken delivery via the U.S. Postal Service, America's exclusive shipper of live chicks.

Now nine-year chicken farmers, our kids this year express the most excitement about selecting a breed that lays blue-tinted eggs. The Ameraucanas on their list of laying chickens for the 4-H Fair will add a blue hue to the current shades of brown, white and Dr. Seuss-approved green eggs that currently fill our cartons.

Personally, I love the green eggs and remain fascinated with the delivery method of the baby birds. That once-a-year moment for us arrives in mid-February with a beloved postal delivery of chirpy 4-H chicks, a shipping phenomenon God made possible. Chicks absorb yolk at hatching, giving these little guys the nutrients to sustain their first days of life without food and water, like the condi-



tions of a cardboard box.

Upon shipment, we track the location of that box, peppered with air holes for ventilation, as it travels from an Iowa hatchery to the local post office. There, we hear the chirping package in the back room before asking for it and see it making the postal workers happier. The package draws delightful curiosity from postal patrons, regardless of the line length. And, it makes the cutest racket all the way home in the minivan.

At home, the kids lift the roughly 30 chirping fuzz-balls from the box, where the birds shared warmth in that confine. The kids introduce each to food, water and the lamp-warmed, 95-degree environment they need in their first week. A few

with unique markings will earn names right away. A couple may not make it, a fact of life. We sit for a while and watch the playful chicks, the groggy ones, and even the clumsy that toddle into the water troughs.

Within five to six months, I anticipate the arrival of the first blue egg to generate similar excitement to the very first egg the kids collected in 2012. I remember that our daughter, then age six, excitedly thanked the chickens. Then, she promptly asked for another to provide enough for a batch of chocolate chip cookies.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers' family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle and backyard chickens in West-Central Illinois.*

## Women's Corner by Carol Bohnert

Frantic busyness of the holidays and preoccupation of new year's resolutions have now presumably lessened for many of us. A more normal daily routine of life has now reappeared. Thus, now may be a good time to assess our lifestyle on our quest for practicing our goal of healthy living. To this end, it seems appropriate to look at our nutrition priorities and eating habits. Does our daily diet consist of a healthy/nutritious selection of foods?

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), after many years of research, has developed a helpful template for guiding our food choices. The essential elements, called food groups, in their MyPlate model, recommend eating 50 percent fruits and vegetables, 25-30 percent grains with the balance coming from good sources of animal and plant protein and dairy products on a daily basis.

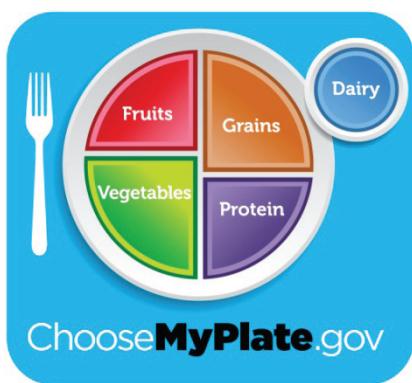
One might ask why so many fruits, vegetables, and grains are recommended? The short answer is that fruits, vegetables, and grains supply our bodies with many essential ingredients such as vitamins, minerals, fats, and fiber. The more intriguing response, is that fruits, vegetables, and grains also provide us with an abundant supply of phytonutrients or sometimes called phytochemicals. These items are natural occurring chemical compounds such as lutein, lycopene, and isoflavones found in plant foods

that provide our bodies with nature's natural defense system. Many phytonutrients act as powerful antioxidants that help prevent damage to living cells throughout our body. Phytonutrients have also been shown to reduce the risk of cancer, strokes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's disease.

In order to obtain the numerous benefits coming from phytonutrients in our diet, it is necessary to eat many different colored fruits and vegetables along with the especially dark green leafy vegetables such as spinach, kale, broccoli, swiss chard, and romaine lettuce. In short, it is recommended that one "eat the rainbow" when selecting fruits and vegetables for any given meal.

There is yet another strong benefit for eating fruits, vegetables, and whole grains that often gets overlooked by consumers. That factor relates to the importance of dietary fiber, also called roughage, in our daily intake of food. Fiber not only helps maintain a healthy and balanced gut in our body, it also helps maintain cardiovascular health, regulates cholesterol and blood glucose levels, and strategically absorbs harmful toxins in the digestive tract.

As we begin a new year what conversations have you had about improving your nutrition plan for 2020?



Your Farm Bureau membership means Value!

# Start Your Spring Planning Now

Even though there is a chill in the air and the ground may be frozen, it is the perfect time to start planning for spring. You might have seeds from last year's garden or plans to start fresh. Or maybe you need help with choosing new plants for your yard and do not have any idea where to start or what to grow. Resources are available throughout DuPage to help you tackle your spring planting wants and needs.

The University of Illinois has several Extension offices that strive to provide relevant, science-based information that serve residents and businesses in our area and across the state. From blogs featuring seasonal tips and ideas to news stories with research-based information or upcoming learning opportunities, they offer you impactful insights backed by the resources of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois.

You can prepare for spring all winter long with Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. They are offering several workshops at their Kane County location for \$10 per session. You can signup online or call 630.584.6166 for more information. Sign up at [go.illinois.edu/thinkspring2020](http://go.illinois.edu/thinkspring2020). Here are some sessions they are offering this spring.

## Native Pollinators – Feb 4 at 6:30pm

From plant selection to garden chores, find out how you can support our native pollinators in your own backyard. Led by Master Gardener Jim Stendler.

## Sustainable Gardening – Feb 18 at 6:30pm

Health, diet, weather and financial situations are taken into account as Master Gardeners discuss sustainable, survival gardening techniques. Learn concepts such as watering, soil fertility, seed selection, seed saving and harvesting and storage. Led by Master Gardeners Leah Beck and Sue Styer.

## Prepping for Spring – March 19 at 1pm

Learn the seasonal chores that should be done in spring to get your garden off to a good start. Led by Master Gardener Lynn Mitchell.

## Looking to keep kids busy this Spring Break?

The DuPage County Extension Office can help with that too! Check out the Spring Break camps they are offering.

### Name: Forces of Nature

Dates & Time: March 31, April 1, April 2, 1:00-3:00pm

Location: DuPage County Extension Office

Ages: 9 to 13

Cost: \$20 per kid (material fee)

What: Learn how resources are impacted by the Earth's natural forces: earthquakes, water, volcanoes, ice, erosion/flooding and weather through hands on activities.

Registration Open: February 3

Registration Close: March 13 or full

Name: **Forces of Nature**

Dates & Time: April 3 at 9:00am

Location: DuPage County Extension Office

Ages: 9 to 13

Cost: \$0

What: Learn from National Weather Service Lead Forecaster, Matt Friedlein, about weather!

Registration Open: February 3

Registration Close: March 13 or full

### Name: Robotics Challenge Mini-Camp

Dates & Time: March 31, April 1, April 2, 9:30am to Noon

Location: DuPage County Extension Office

Ages: 9 to 13

Max youth: 20 participants

Cost: \$15 per kid (material fee)

What: Learn to build and program with LEGO robots through 3 days of mini-challenges.

Registration Open: February 3

Registration Close: March 13 or full

**For more information call  
630.955.1123. DuPage County  
Extension Office is located  
at 1100 E. Warrenville Rd,  
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## DuPage County Financial Representatives of the Month

The Financial Representative of the Month program is designed by COUNTRY® Financial Agency Managers of DuPage County to recognize overall Insurance Leaders in Life, Disability, Auto, Home, and Health production during the month. The representative earns the award through efforts to provide quality service to existing and new clients. Listed below are the various representatives honored by their agency manager with the Financial Representative of the Month designation.



### Jim McGuigan • Aurora Agency

Jim McGuigan has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for December 2019, by Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager. Jim's office is located at 1730 Park St, Unit 224, Naperville 60563. His phone number is 630-851-0620. Jim has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since December 2002.



### Lisa Carlson • Carol Stream Agency

Lisa Carlson has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for December 2019, by Drew Cali, Agency Manager. Lisa's office is located at 301 W Roosevelt Rd, Ste. B, Wheaton 60187. Her phone number is 630-668-0005. Lisa has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since June 1986.



### Petya Nenova • Carol Stream Agency

Petya Nenova has been named Employee Financial Representative of the Month for December 2019, by Drew Cali, Agency Manager. Petya's office is located at 1060 Springbrook Square Dr, Ste. 100, Naperville 60564. Her phone number is 630-548-1894. Petya has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since September 2017.



### Joe Merchut • Chicago Northwest Agency

Joe Merchut has been named Career Financial Representative of the month for December 2019, by Jack Smith, Agency Manager. Joe's office is located at 303 W Oneida Ave., Bartlett. His phone number is 630-736-2836. Joe has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since October, 2003.



### Mike Rogala • North Will/South DuPage Agency

Mike Rogala has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for December 2019, by Dan Connolly, Agency Manager. Mike's office is located at 486 W Boughton Rd, Ste. B, Bolingbrook 60440. His phone number is 331-803-6045. Mike has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since July 2016.

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630.260.9001 egglecticcafe.com

**El Coco Loco Mexican Grill**  
\$5 off with minimum purchase of \$25 or more. Cannot be used on special of the day.  
205 W Main St, West Chicago, 60185  
630.293.1101

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\$5 off with minimum purchase of \$25 or more. Cannot be used on special of the day.  
1995 Bloomingdale Rd, Glendale Heights, 60139  
630.351.1933

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1200 West Hawthorne Ln, West Chicago,  
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www.hawthornesbackyard.com

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10% off entire food bill. Not valid with other special offers or coupon  
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630.871.2991

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10% off all food orders. Not valid with other offers/discounts  
437 S Addison Rd, Addison, 60101 •  
630.833.2570

## NY Pizza Pie

10% discount when you show your membership card.  
2589 Ogden Ave, Downers Grove, 60515  
331-777-9981 • nypizzapie4u.com

## Olde North Pancake House

15% off bill. Not valid with other offers or discounts. Dine-in only. Excludes Sundays.  
27W751 North Ave, West Chicago, 60185 •  
630.293.4774 • www.oldenorthpancakehouse.com

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151 North York Street, Elmhurst, 60126  
331.979.7198 • 151elmhurst.com

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(Downers Grove Location)  
Buy any large gourmet pizza and get a second 1 topping pizza free  
5107 Fairview Ave., Downers Grove, 60515  
630.515.0005 • gosarpinos.com

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20% discount on full priced items (dine in only)  
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504 N. Route 59, Suite 116  
Naperville, 60563  
630.637.8899 • www.shintorestaurants.com

## Skuttlebutts Pizza & Catering

10% off any purchase  
440 Ogden Ave, Downers Grove, 60515 •  
630.964.6688 • skuttlebutts.com

## Uncle Bub's BBQ

\$5 off purchase of \$25 or more  
132 S Cass Ave, Westmont, 60559  
630.493.9000 • www.unclebubs.com

## Village Tavern & Grill

10% off Sunday-Thursday  
Not valid with other offers  
291 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream, 60185 •  
630.668.1101 • villagetavernandgrill.com/  
carolstream

## Warren's Ale House

\$5 off purchase of \$35 or more  
51 Town Square, Wheaton, 60189  
630.462.5126 • www.warrensalehouse.com

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### Participants:

#### Baskin Robbins

(Westmont Location)  
10% off purchase. Excludes retail merchandise and cakes  
19 W 63rd St, Westmont, 60559  
630.271.8261 • www.baskinrobbins.com

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## Family Fun Discounts

### Participants

#### Lombard Roller Rink

Buy 1 admission, get 1 free  
Skate rental additional  
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630.953.2400 • www.lombardrollerink.com

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### Participants:

#### Fox Bowl

Bowl one game get one game free for up to 6 people  
1101 Butterfield Rd • Wheaton, 60189  
630.690.2400 • www.foxbowl.com

#### Parkside Lanes

Free shoe rental with purchase of 2 paid games  
34W185 Montgomery Rd • Aurora, 60504  
630.898.5678 • www.parksid54.com

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### Participants:

#### Clean and Cute Pet Grooming

\$5 off any service of \$30 or more. Appointments are required.  
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630.836.1500 • www.cleanandcute.com

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\$10 off any service and half off alignment with purchase of four tires  
1200 E Roosevelt Rd • Lombard, 60148  
630.629.8473 • www.dupagetire.com

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(Carol Stream Location)  
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630.690.7822 • www.freshandsilkflowers.com

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630.964.0028

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1509 Ogden Ave • Downers Grove, 60515  
630.434.9200 • www.jaysplumbing.net

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24254 W 111th St • Naperville, 60564  
630.904.1066 • www.lizziesgardencenter.com

## Murphy Ace Hardware

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630.231.2700

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630.983.6500

## Wayne Equestrian Center

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630.797.5910 • www.waynequestriancenter.com

## February 17th is Random Acts of Kindness Day

You never know what type of day someone is having so always remember to be kind! It can make a huge difference in someone's day.

Practice kindness and pay it forward. Be kind to a stranger today and brighten dreary February just a bit. Here are some ideas: Make a pot of soup for a friend or loved one for no reason; Find a Little Free Library and drop off some books; Pick up litter in your neighborhood or town; Offer to buy the coffee of the person in line behind you; Offer compliments to friends, loved ones, and even strangers; Try to smile more – a smile can help improve both your mood as well as a stranger's; Let someone get in front of you in line; Make a point of holding the door for those behind you; Tip your server really well on your next meal out.



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