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## Don't Miss Your Chance to Bid at the Dutch Auction!

The Dutch Auction for the 2023 Hawaii Trip is still ongoing! The trip includes a 7-night stay at The Cliffs in Princeville in a one-bedroom garden view condo valid through 12/13/2023 and valued at \$3,678.

For the DCFB Foundation auction, the price started at \$2,500 on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9 a.m., and dropped \$100 each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 pm. As no one has taken the bid, the price starting February 2nd is \$1,600! Don't miss your chance to win this amazing trip at such a great price! The first buyer to call or arrive to buy the trip after a

price drop will have 24 hours to complete the transaction by payment of cash, certified check, or credit card. IF payment is not received, the trip goes back on the auction block.

Funds raised by the auction will be used to benefit college scholarship and agricultural literacy programs of the DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation.

### — Auction Schedule —

<b>February 2nd</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>
<b>February 7th</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>February 9th</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>

*Etc.*

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## Calendar of Events February 2023

- February 7th Meat Order Deadline
- February 13th Board Meeting; 7:30pm
- February 16th Meat Order Pick Up; 10am-4pm
- February 20th Office Closed for Presidents Day
- March 3rd Bowling Registration Deadline

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

**Don't forget to check out all your membership benefits at: <http://ilfb.abenity.com>**



*Hanalei Pier, Hawaii*



*Don't miss your chance to bid on this trip to beautiful Hawaii!*

## SPRING FLING Fundraiser

**Ki's Steak & Seafood—705 North Ave, Glendale Heights**

**Thursday, April 13th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**\$50 per person— includes appetizers, wine & beer**

Come out and help the DuPage County Farm Bureau raise money for our Foundation and the DuPage County Fair Association! The Foundation awards college scholarships to students either entering or already in college, and provides support to the Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program. The night of the event we have a 50/50 Drawing, Pot of Gold Cash Drawing (win up to \$100), and a Silent Auction. 100 tickets are available for purchase. You do not need to be a member to attend. All proceeds raised will be split between the Foundation and DuPage County Fair Association.

**RSVP by March 31, 2023:**

Send RSVPs and checks to DCFB, 245 S Gary Ave, Carol Stream, IL 60188 Or register and pay at [www.dcfb.org](http://www.dcfb.org) in the store.

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**Ticket:** \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ total attending = \_\_\_\_\_

**50/50:** 3 tickets for \$10: total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or one arm length for \$25: total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pot of Gold Chances:** \$5 each or 5 chances for \$20: total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I can't attend but would like to give a donation. My donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Grand Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make all checks to DCFB Foundation.**

# Monarch Butterfly Documentary to Screen at Bloomingdale Public Library

Plants, Pollinators & Prayers is a recent documentary about a local community's efforts to bring monarch butterflies back to Northern Illinois. Plants, Pollinators & Prayers will have a local screening at 7 PM on February 15 at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Inspired to action by the loss of Midwestern prairie habitat and the decline of the monarch butterfly population, this documentary follows the multi-year efforts of a gardener, educator, and pastor as they transform a rural church's backyard into a monarch waystation – a sanctuary for pollinating animals, an educational garden for the community, and a sacred space for spiritual contemplation.

Diana Swanson, the gardener who leads the planting of the waystation, was inspired to act because, "The

monarch butterfly is just one of the most amazing natural phenomena. It's one of the earth's great miracles that this small insect can migrate 3,000 miles or more."

Peggy Doty, an environmental educator, helps bring awareness to the waystation by raising monarch butterflies in her backyard, says of the waystation, "Who knew that insects could create a destination?" She says that attracting pollinating insects to the local area is imperative because "We won't be here if they're not here."

The monarch waystation featured in the documentary is located at the Mayfield Congregational Church at 28405 Church Rd. in Sycamore, Illinois. Pastor Martha Brunell, a central voice in the documentary, speaks about how a project like the waystation is "Where faith communities need to be

now, in collaborative efforts with all kinds of different organizations. The things that are important to us, we do with educational institutions, commercial enterprises, the highway department, in places where our interests and passions overlap."

Plants, Prayers & Pollinators is directed and produced by filmmaker and NIU professor Randy Caspersen and was shot over the past five years and crewed with students from NIU's Department of Communication. Since moving to Northern Illinois, Caspersen has made films that showcased the efforts of the Northern Illinois community including award-winning feature documentary Go Penguins! about the Penguin Project, a local theatre group of young adults and children with disabilities performing the lead roles in a Broadway-style musi-

cal. Since its release, Plants, Pollinators & Prayers has screened nationally at film festivals across the United States and Canada.

Admission to the February 15 screening of the documentary at the Bloomingdale Public Library is free. The screening begins at 7:00 PM. The film runs 40 minutes. There will be a Q & A after the screening with the filmmaker, the gardener and the environmental educator from the documentary.

# Hunters, Meat Processors, Food Pantries Aim to Solve Hunger

By Emily Steele,  
Media Communications  
Coordinator, University of  
Illinois Extension

When food prices are high, everyone takes a hit, including food pantries. But now, a local and widespread source of protein – venison

– is making its way from the field onto plates, providing 24,500 meals with the help of the University of Illinois Extension Deer Donation Program.

One in 10 people in Illinois struggle with hunger every day, including one in eight children. The

*The Deer donation program delivered 50 pounds of venison and shared venison recipes with the Standing Stone/Car-penter's Table food pantry in Charleston in early December. Photo credit Standing Stone Community Center.*

12-county pilot program aims to fight food insecurity by connecting hunters in East Central Illinois with meat processors and food pantries.

"Food prices are high, meat prices are high, and pantries are really struggling with getting meat right now," says Michelle Fombelle, Extension SNAP-Ed

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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 meet learning standards. We would also be happy to be a part of community events that relate to our agricultural literacy program vision and goals. Virtual options are available.

**For more information contact:  
dupageaitc@dcbf.org or 630-668-8161.**

### December's Numbers:

2,976 students • 158 teachers • #1 Lesson Topic: Corn  
Total students reached to date: 26,995

### Teacher Quote about an AITC Visit:

*"We've been working with Kenna for years and she is always energetic, informative, and keeps things interesting for the kids! Even seeing her year after year, there is always something new to change things up and stay relevant and interesting."*

– Bower, 5th Grade Teacher

In December, our students learned about a variety of topics including corn, soybeans, tacos, pigs, and dairy! With so many different topics, we had a number of fun projects for our students. Our classes that learned about corn participated in a biodegradable packing peanut experiment. Those learning about soybeans created soybean greenhouses and beanie babies. Fun fact tacos were created showcasing where our delicious ingredients come from, and the students who learned about dairy cattle made their own butter. We also added a new activity this year for our pig lesson. After learning about pork production, our students paired up and created custom pig barns in this new STEM activity! It's been a busy month packing all of this in before the holiday break, but we're excited to see what is in store for 2023. Happy New Year!



## Did You Know?

The gelatin in Jell-O comes from livestock, usually pigs! Gelatin is made from animal collagen that makes up connective tissues.

## 2023 Bookmark Contest

We'd like to invite all 2nd-5th grade classes in DuPage County to participate in our spring Bookmark Contest! This year's theme is "My Favorite Food". Students should depict their favorite food and the plants, animals, and farms that it comes from. The winner's design will be made into a bookmark and donated to local libraries along with our annual book donation. We will also use the bookmarks as a DCFB promotional item this summer. Entries are due to the DCFB office by April 14th at 3:00pm. Email [dupageaitc@dcbf.org](mailto:dupageaitc@dcbf.org) to receive an entry form and contest rules.

## Teacher Institute Day

Registration for the 2023 Teacher Institute Day is full! This year's event will be held on March 3rd, 2023, from 7:30am-1:00pm in person at College of DuPage. Our workshop is entitled "Integrating Agriculture" and is designed to introduce K-12 educators to agriculture activities and lessons that can be incorporated into their classroom while adhering to the current learning, STEM, and NGSS concepts. Participants will receive 5 PD hours provided by the DuPage ROE.



Photos, left to right:

2nd graders at Briar Glen learned about taco ingredients and made fun fact tacos with Kenna.

5th graders at Sacred Heart created their own custom pig barns with Kristina.

3rd graders at Pleasant Hill learned about pigs with Kenna and made pig barns.





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

## Creamy Garlic Porkchops

Source: [www.saltandlavendar.com](http://www.saltandlavendar.com)

## The Farmer's Almanac Predictions – February

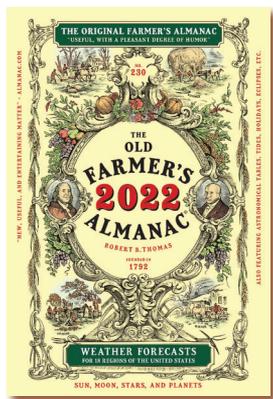
### Sky Watch:

As evening twilight fades on the 1st, Saturn may finally be too low, its long evening star apparition ending. On the 3rd, the Moon meets Pollux, the brighter of the legendary Gemini twins. Mars, dimming but still very bright at magnitude-0.2, remains above Taurus's famous orange star, Aldebaran, and outshines it. From the 7th to the 28th, brightening Venus draws closer to Jupiter. On the 27th, the crescent Moon closely meets Mars, while Venus and Jupiter come together nearby. On the 28th, the night's brightest stars begin to merge to create an amazing configuration. This Venus/Jupiter conjunction shouldn't be missed, although they are so low in the fading evening twilight that they require a totally

unblocked western horizon for viewing.

### February 2023

Temperature 58 degrees (4 degrees below average). Precipitation 4.5" (2" above average). 1-9 Rainy periods, cold. 10-14 A few showers north, rain south; cold. 15-17 Sunny, very cold. 18-25 Rainy periods, chilly. 26-28 Sunny, warmer.



### Ingredients

4 pork chops (see notes)  
Salt & pepper to taste  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 tablespoons butter divided  
1 whole head garlic cloves peeled  
1 tablespoon flour  
1/2 cup chicken broth or stock  
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
3/4 cup heavy/whipping cream  
Fresh parsley chopped (optional, to taste)



### Instructions

Take the pork chops out of the fridge 15-30 minutes prior to starting the recipe if possible. Season the pork generously with salt & pepper on both sides.

In a deep skillet, add the olive oil and 1 tablespoon of the butter over medium-high heat. Let the pan heat up for a few minutes, and once it's hot, cook the pork chops for 3-5 minutes/side or until golden (3 minutes for thinner chops and 5 minutes for pork chops up to 1" thick). Once the pork chops are done searing, transfer them to a plate.

Add the remaining butter and the garlic cloves to the skillet. Turn the heat down to medium (or medium-low if using cast iron). Cook it, stirring fairly often, for about 3 minutes or until the garlic has somewhat browned on the outside.

Push the garlic to one side of the pan and sprinkle the flour in (avoiding the garlic). Let it cook for around 30 seconds, and give it a stir so it's incorporated with the butter (we're making a quick roux).

Add in the chicken broth and lemon juice. Stir and let it cook for about a minute or until the sauce is noticeably thickened.

Add in the cream and garlic powder. Stir or whisk it until the garlic powder has dissolved.

Add the pork back in and cook for another 3-5 minutes or until the sauce has thickened up a bit (let the sauce bubble a bit but not furiously boil) and the pork chops are fully cooked through (145°F minimum). Keep in mind the pork's temperature will continue to rise once you stop cooking it, so if it's close, I'd take it off the heat and let it rest for a few minutes before serving. Season the sauce with extra salt & pepper as needed and parsley if you wish.



# Deadline Approaching!



## DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15



# Recruiter of the Month

Congratulations to our December Recruiter of the Month, Hieu Tran. This month Hieu signed 5 new members for the DuPage County Farm Bureau. Hieu has been with COUNTRY Financial since August 1998. His office is located at 310 S. Main St. Unit G, Lombard 60148. We would like to thank Hieu for all his hard work in recruiting new members!



Hieu Tran



## We are the 96% Families dominate Illinois farms

My mental pauses on the farm often arrive at sunrise, sunset and the moments when family is most accentuated on the farm. Harvest brings those experiences together: My dad and brother run the combines. My son and I operate the tractors with grain auger carts. A long-time employee who watched me grow up on the farm hauls grain, as does his son, a cousin and a local truck driver, all who now watch my kids grow up on the farm.

My daughter takes turns with our cousin's wife to weigh grain trucks at our storage facility. My nephew replaces me in the tractor after football practice, and my mom manages the bills and delivers meals around sunset to keep our farm running and bodies fueled.

Family defines the farm. Family members make the decisions that care for the land and animals. They carry out the work, uphold the commitment to community and plan for the next generation.

We are the 96%. Families like ours operate 96% of farms in the state, and Illinois agriculture groups have designated 2023 the "Year of the Farmer" to proclaim this statistic. The celebration intends to debunk a disconcerting myth: A consumer survey indicates that people believe corporations run most farms and that families only run 47% of the Illinois farms they see.

To the contrary, I see Matt grow grain and beef with his brother and nephews, Kevin farm with his brother and their wives, and Alan with his dad and sister. Lori farms with her husband, Ron with his daughter and brothers, and Jay with his

mom, wife, brother and teenage kids.

Families dominate farm ownership across Illinois, home to more than 70,000 family farms of all sizes. Some farms support small families; some big families. Regardless of size, most will tell you that welcoming the next generation requires careful planning and often profitable expansion to provide a livelihood for another household.

Family farms look different than decades ago. Our tractors are bigger. Adoption of technology has evolved. Metal-sided buildings replace wood barns. But families still run farms and carry the wisdom and spirit of generations that worked the land before them to grow our food.

When people visit the grocery store in 2023, we want at least 96% of them to shop confidently, knowing that families operate almost every farm in Illinois.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.*



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<p><b>Spring Travel Savings</b></p> <p>Planning a trip to the beach or a last chance to hit the slopes?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flights: Save up to 50% off airline tickets nationwide</li> <li>Hotels: Get up to 60% off hotels</li> <li>Rental Cars: Take up to 25% off your reservation nationwide</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Be Entertained</b></p> <p>March madness savings on all your entertainment needs including:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy discounts of up to 65% off theme park tickets nationwide</li> <li>Save on tickets for concerts, sports, and major events with Preferred Access tickets</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Just in Time Tax Help</b></p> <p>Tax time is upon us, but we've got you covered with savings on deals like:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TaxAct: Save 25% off your tax prep</li> <li>TurboTax: Save up to an additional \$20 on online federal products</li> <li>H&amp;R Block: Get 20% off H&amp;R Block Online</li> </ul> </p>
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## Solve Hunger

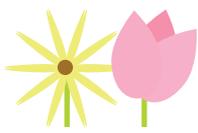
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Educator. "This is an opportunity for hunters to help their communities while doing something they enjoy and supporting local small businesses."

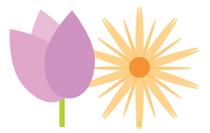
Extension staff made their first venison delivery to a food pantry in November. Since then, hunters have donated at least 6,137 pounds of venison, providing more than 24,548 meals for Clay, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Effingham,

Fayette, Jasper, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, and Shelby counties.

The program is a win-win for everyone – the environment, local economies, and hungry individuals. Hunters with full freezers can harvest more deer and reduce the population size, preventing deer-vehicle accidents and damage to natural areas and crops. Meat processors get more business and are reimbursed through funds provided by donations and grants. And food pantries can share protein with those in need.



# Planning a New Perennial Garden? Plant for the Whole Garden Ecosystem



By Layne Knoche

Welcome to winter. The days are short and cold, and if you enjoy plants, hopefully, you have a few indoors to boost your mood. However, there is already light on the horizon. Spring will be here before you know it, and now is a wonderful time to plan out your new perennial gardens.

The days of planting individual plants and surrounding them in a traditional sea of mulch or rock are numbered. Instead, a design paradigm described in the book *Planting in a Post-Wild World* by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West is one that gardeners are flocking to. The innovative approach

incorporates the concept of functional layers that form a complex yet organized landscape that reflects nature.

"We need aesthetically beautiful gardens that perform multiple ecosystem services, and you cannot get that from most traditional landscapes," says Layne Knoche, University of Illinois Extension Outreach Associate and Landscape Designer. "This design method works. We have used it successfully and beautifully at the Red Oak Rain Garden on the campus of University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and I have even used it in my own gardens."

### Design in Layers

Be aware of layers when

designing perennial gardens. Each layer has a selection of plant species that perform a specific function. When designing, it's best to focus on these three layers: Groundcover, structural, and seasonal.

### The groundcover layer

This layer typically consists of low-growing, densely planted grasses, sedges, ferns, and forbs that form a "green mulch" that serves to shade out weeds. Depending on the species chosen, these may be planted in groups of 10 or more and planted as little as 12 inches apart. As they fill in and mature, they protect from soil erosion, provide habitat for overwintering pollinators, and much more.

### The structural layer

This layer consists of

trees, larger shrubs, tall forbs and grasses, or any other plant that has strong architectural forms. The plants in this layer form the "bones" of the garden that are visible year-round. Individual plants or small groupings – three or five, typically – are appropriate for this layer.

### The seasonal layer

This layer features plant species that are visually dominant for a period. These are typically plants with showy blooms or textures. Larger groups and masses of plants in this layer can create stronger visual appeal.

### Garden design tips

Keep "right plant, right place" in mind. Know your site's sun, moisture, and soil

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## Join DCFB for the 2023

### Family & Friends Bowling Outing

Saturday, March 11th, 11:45 a.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: \$22.00 per person

(3 Games & Shoe Rental, if needed)

Deadline to sign up: Friday, March 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

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50-50 Drawing

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Bowling Entry Form

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

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

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## New Garden

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conditions, and choose species appropriate for your conditions.

Plan for seasonality. Make sure to include some spring ephemerals, summer bloomers, fall color, and winter visual interest.

Order early. Determine the species you want to use as early as possible, especially if you plan on ordering plants from an online nursery. The ship-to-home method has become increasingly popular over the past several years, so the earlier you place your order, the more likely you are to have luck with the species you want.

Designing perennial gardens is a fantastic way to spend a snowy gray day and at University of Illinois Extension, we are here to help. We have a series of guides covering plant selections and planting plans, along with other useful information available at [go.illinois.edu/RORGresources](http://go.illinois.edu/RORGresources).

For more research-based information plant selection and installation connect with your local Illinois Extension county office at [go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice](http://go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice).

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### FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR DUPAGE COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

All DuPage Co. Farm Bureau members may run non-commercial classified ads free in the DuPage Farmer (limit 100 words per year). Ads will continue to run each month until we are notified otherwise, or the 100 free words per year are used. Please email ads to [membership@dcfb.org](mailto:membership@dcfb.org). Put "Farmer Ad" in the subject line or call 630.668.8161 with your ad. Deadline is 10th of each month.

## 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.



### Jim McGuigan • Aurora Agency

Jim McGuigan has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for December 2022, by Alonzo Nevarez, 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 November 1999.



### Fred Yanez • Carol Stream Agency

Fred Yanez has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for December 2022, by Drew Cali, Agency Manager. His office is located at 221 E Lake St., Addison 60101. His phone number is 630-279-6429. Fred has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since November 2013.



### Patrick Long • Will/South DuPage Agency

Patrick Long has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for December 2022, by Dan Connolly, Agency Manager. His office is located at 416 E. Ogden Ave., Suite F, Westmont, 60559. Patrick's phone number is 630-755-9032. Patrick has been a Financial Representative with COUNTRY® Financial since March 2021.

# DCFB Discounts Make a Heart Happy

## DCFB Diner's Discount Program Participating Restaurants:

**Adelle's**  
15% off full meal for 2 guests or fewer (excludes alcohol, tax & gratuity). Cannot be combined with other discounts, promos and/or carryout.  
535 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, 60187  
630.784.8015

**Anyway's Pub**  
10% off total food purchase  
Not valid with any other offers  
5 E Roosevelt Rd, Oak Brook Terrace, 60181  
304 W Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, 60108  
630.921.9323 • www.anywayspub.com

**Blueberry Hill Breakfast Café**  
10% off entire bill when you show your membership card. This discount is not valid with other offers or promotions.  
405 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60502  
630.499.1500 · blueberrybreakfastcafe.com

**BRAUERHOUSE**  
15% off purchase  
1000 N Rohlwing Rd, #13, Lombard, IL 60148  
630.495.2141  
www.brauerhouse.com

**Caliendo's Restaurant and Bar**  
10% off food and non-alcoholic beverages. Not applicable for specials  
05050 Winfield Rd, Winfield, 60190,  
630.690.1555 • www.caliendos.com

**Cooper's Corner**  
15% off food bill up to \$15 value, dine in only. Not valid with other offers or on holidays One discount per table and one beverage must be purchased per entrée  
27W150 Roosevelt Rd, Winfield, 60190,  
630.690.2668 • www.cooperscorner.com

**Culver's**  
10% off purchase –  
Only at participating locations –  
290 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream, 60188  
630.933.9747  
1155 S Main St, Lombard, 60148  
630.889.1140

4068 E. Main St., St. Charles, 60174  
630.444.1700 • www.culvers.com

**Egg'Lectic Cafe**  
10% off final bill  
May not be used with other discounts  
145 N Hale St, Wheaton, 60187 •  
630.690.9001

**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

**Hawthorne's Backyard**  
10% off purchase. Not valid with other offers  
1200 West Hawthorne Ln, West Chicago,  
60185 • 630.293.6700  
www.hawthornesbackyard.com

**Manhattan's**  
10% off entire food bill. Not valid with other special offers or coupon  
www.manhattansamericanbar&grill.com  
300 S Schmale Rd., Carol Stream, 60188  
630.871.2991

*Discounts are subject to change without notice. Restrictions may apply. Must show membership card.*

**Muggs-N-Manor**  
10% off all food orders. Not valid with other offers/discounts. Offer valid for pick-up/dine-in only.

437 S Addison Rd, Addison, 60101 •  
630.833.2570  
https://www.muggsnmanor.com/

**Papa Rays Pizza & Wings**  
\$5 off any purchase of \$30 or more and 10% off any order minimum \$15  
267 West Elk Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188  
630-752-9680  
www.paparays.com

**Sarpinos Pizzeria**  
(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

**Shinto Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar**  
20% discount on full priced items (dine in or take out). Max discount \$20. Cannot be combined with other offers, promotions or lunch.  
504 N. Route 59, Suite 116  
Naperville, 60563  
630.637.8899 • www.shintorestaurants.com

**Uncle Bub's BBQ**  
\$5 off purchase of \$25 or more  
132 S Cass Ave, Westmont, 60559  
630.493.9000 • www.unclebubs.com

**Two Hound Red Brewing Co.**  
10% off (excludes Friday & Saturday)  
486 Pennsylvania Ave. Glen Ellyn 60137 •  
630-547-2912

**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

**Family Fun Discounts Participants**  
**Lombard Roller Rink**  
Buy 1 admission, get skate rental for free.  
Good up to 4 admissions per visit  
201 W. 22nd St., Lombard, 60148  
630.953.2400 • www.lombardrollerrink.com

**Bowling with Benefits 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.parkside54.com

**Local Business Discounts Participants:**  
**DuPage Tire & Auto Center, Inc.**  
\$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

**Ferrari Plumbing**  
\$40 off any plumbing service  
Your local, licensed, experienced, BBB Accredited with A+ rating Plumber.  
630.260.5898  
www.ferrariplumbing.net  
1727 Stoddard Ave., Wheaton, 60187

**Fresh and Silk Flowers**  
(Carol Stream Location)  
15% off anything in store, no minimum  
578 W Army Trail Rd • Carol Stream, 60088  
630.690.7822 • www.freshandsilkflowers.com

**Gigi's Pet Salon**  
Free treats and toys for all baths/grooms  
1913 Ogden Ave • Downers Grove, 60515  
630.964.0028

**Jay's Plumbing**  
\$15 off any service calls, must mention discount at scheduling.  
Not valid towards call out fees or RPZ testing.  
1509 Ogden Ave • Downers Grove, 60515  
630.434.9200 • www.jaysplumbing.net

**Sunrise Cleaners by Lorenzo's**  
10% off on all cleaning services, not valid with any other offer  
6478 College Rd • Lisle, 60532 •  
630.983.6500

**Upfront Concrete**  
Epoxy flooring- Save 10% off purchase, Free estimates – 630-306-3720  
UpfrontConcrete@gmail.com



Shop, dine and save locally with DCFB Discounts!

## February Meat Order Form

- **More Product available on our online store : DCFB.ORG**  
Curbside assistance is available. Call 630-668-8161 upon arrival

	QTY	COST
<b>Bacon Wrapped Filets, 4 pieces - 10 ounces each \$57</b>	_____	_____
<b>Bourbon Marinated Steaks, 8 pieces - 8 ounces each \$51</b>	_____	_____
<b>Prime Grade Top Sirloin Butt Steak, 8 pieces - 8 oz. each \$51</b>	_____	_____
<b>BBQ Boneless Pork Chops, 10 pieces - 8 ounces each \$32</b>	_____	_____
<b>Plain Boneless Pork Chops, 10 pieces-8 ounces each \$32</b>	_____	_____
<b>Pork Back Ribs, 10 oz, 2 per package \$32</b>	_____	_____
<b>Bacon Wrapped Pork Chops , 8 pieces - 10 ounces \$33</b>	_____	_____
<b>Plain Chicken, boneless skinless - 10 pieces \$33</b>	_____	_____
<b>Honey BBQ Chicken, boneless skinless-10 pieces \$33</b>	_____	_____
<b>Chicken Taco Meat, 5-1lb packages \$33</b>	_____	_____
<b>Ground Round, 10-1 lb. packages \$45</b>	_____	_____
<b>Italian Sausage, 20 pieces—5lb box - \$31</b>	_____	_____
<b>Brats, 20 pieces-5lb box-\$31</b>	_____	_____
<b>All Beef Hot Dogs, 20 pieces-5lb box -\$31</b>	_____	_____

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please include payment with this order (checks made to DCFB)-

mail to:

**DuPage County Farm Bureau 245 S. Gary Avenue Carol Stream, IL 60188**

**Order Deadline is Tuesday, February 7th, 4pm**

**Pick up at the DCFB office is Thursday, February 16th 10am-4pm**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FB# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Meat order is available each month. View the online calendar for order dates and