

# Calendar of Events April

April 1	Board Meeting – 7:30pm
April 1	Sch <mark>o</mark> larship Deadline (Oestmann)
April 16	Me <mark>a</mark> t Order Deadline
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Meat Order Pick Up – 8:30am-4:00pm
April 25	Spring Fling Fundraiser – 7:00-9:00pm
May 1	Scholarship Deadline (General, Ebersold, Culinary, Trade)
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# Ag Spotlight: Light of the Soil, LLC–Marty Rogers & Jay Kinser

Light of the Soil and Paw Paw Industries began with a pair of local grandfathers, Marty Rogers and Jay Kinser, united by their beloved grandchild, Mikayla, their community ties, and a determination to make a difference. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, Marty found himself facing the harsh reality of having his business shut down. However, he was determined to adapt and find a sustainable

venture that created something meaningful for his local community. It was during a simple time of tending to his compost pile with his granddaughter that inspiration



Farm. Family. Food.

struck. Mikayla picked up a handful of vermicompost and exclaimed "Paw Paw! I see light". In this profound moment, Marty explained the significance of the vibrant life within a handful of soil. It was then that Light of the Soil, LLC and Paw Paw Industries were born with a mission to shed light on the importance of sustainable practices and soil health within their community.

Soil health is not only im-

portant to farmers and those who work within agriculture, but to everyone in our community. Marty explains, "Healthy soil is essential for sustainability on several levels because it plays a critical role in supporting various ecological, agricultural, and environmental functions. Healthy soil

supports agriculture by reducing the need for chemical inputs, enhancing crop yields, *continued on page 6* 



Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:00PM to 9:00PM

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

#### \$55 per person - includes appetizers, wine & beer

Join us in supporting the DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation and the DuPage County Fair Association!

Deadline RSVP by April 18, 2024:

Name (s):						
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3 tickets for \$10: \$		\$5 each: \$				
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Grand Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_

Send RSVP and payment to DCFB, 245 S. Gary Ave, Carol Stream, IL 60188 or register online at dcfb.org under the store tab. Checks can be made out to DCFB Foundation.

## Friends & Family Bowling Outing

We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to all our members and their families who joined us for our annual bowling event on March 16th. We enjoyed spending the afternoon with you and raising money for our Foundation! We would also like to thank all the local businesses and restaurants who donated door prizes for the event. We look forward to seeing you at the next DCFB function!









Winners





Joke of the Month Submitted by Paul Maas

What do you call a pig that has been arrested for bad driving? A Road Hog Send your farm jokes to info@dcfb.org Husband & Wife: Brian & Lori Wayton Mixed Doubles: Aldo Bon & Lori Mittman Teen High Game: Brooke Finnen Child High Game: Cam Pauling

HIGH GAME YOUTH





Miss last month's issue? Find the DuPage Farmer, now online too, at **dcfb.org/publications** 

### **DuPage Farmer**

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Kristina Baumbach Education Coordinator DuPage County Farm Bureau

Ag 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@dcfb.org or* 630-668-8161.

February's Numbers: 4,547 students • 273 teachers #1 Lesson Topic: Pizza Total Students Reached to Date: 29,385

Teacher Quote about an AITC Visit: "The students loved the baseball activity. We make connections as we read throughout the year and with our science units." — 2nd Grade Teacher, Gower West Elementary

February was a fun month for our students as many of them learned about one of our favorite foods, PIZZA! During the lessons students learned about wheat plants, tomato production, dairy cattle, pigs, and other veggies. Did you know that in Illinois we grow winter wheat? This type of wheat is planted in the fall and harvested in the summer! Afterward, students made a "pizza flip" to take home which showed each ingredient and the plant or animal it came from. Other topics this month included livestock, poultry, pollination, and dairy.

Right: The 2nd graders at Bethany Lutheran had fun learning about livestock with Mary.



Left: The 3rd graders at Pleasant Hill loved learning about pollination with Kenna.

Remember to check out all your membership benefits at: http://ilfb. abenity.com Did You Know? Pollinators are responsible for pollinating over 180,000 different plant species and 1,200 crops that people

eat around the world!



### Teacher Institute Day: Agriculture in Your Classroom

On March 1st, 25 teachers met with us at College of Du-Page for a fun filled day learning about agriculture. Topics included food science, composting and soil health, enzymatic browning, and desktop hydroponics. Teachers participated in many hands-on activities which included preventing browning in fruit, creating a new apple cultivar, food science and sensory activities, vermicomposting, and creating a mini hydroponic cup. We'd like to thank Brian Clement (COD), Luke Allen (FCAE), Linda Perucca (Chicagoland Food Science Foundation) Jamie Viebach (U of I Extension), and Kenna



# **Brookdale STEAM Night**

On February 23rd, AITC staff hosted a booth at the Brookdale Elementary STEAM Night in Naperville. Approximately 175 students and their families visited our booth to learn about dairy cows and make butter. Participants learned about the milk production process and how farmers care for

their cows. Each student made a small container of butter to taste. We're looking forward to visiting more STEM nights this spring!



### Last Call for Bookmarks!

All 2nd-5th grade classrooms in DuPage County are invited to participate in our spring Bookmark Contest! This year's theme is "If I Were a Farmer". Entries are due to the DCFB office by April 12th at 3:00pm. Contact Kristina for more info.

# **Researcher calls on IL landowners to Participate in Soil Analysis**

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soil resource base, including

practices. Margenot says the

data could benefit farmers,

"Our sampling would

would be used to sample soils

within a 10- to 15-foot area,"

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a 1.5-inch diameter probe

3 feet deep at three points

Margenot said. "The loca-

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Illinois landowners could be eligible for \$5,000 in free soil analyses and consultation with a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign research team in exchange for participating in a historic project seeking to learn how soils have changed over 120 years.

The project started when soil scientist Andrew Margenot stumbled upon a trove of ancient soil samples – some dating



back to the late 1800s – in a university barn slated for demolition. Likely the oldest and largest soil archive in the world, the 8,000-sample collection was ripe for analysis.

After finalizing the digitization of the soil archive a year ago, Margenot, with funding support from the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC) and Illinois Farm Bureau, implored current landowners to let his team re-sample the 453 original locations. So far, the U. of I. team has only been able to access 8% of the sites.

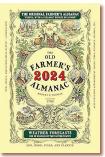
"It's one thing to figure out who owns the piece of

# Farmer's Almanac Predictions

#### **Sky Watch**

On the 8th, a rare total solar eclipse can be seen from parts of Mexico, the U.S., and Canada. Observers are strongly encouraged to travel to where it can be seen as a total eclipse rather than a partial one. In early April,

Jupiter sinks lower each nightfall until its close proximity to the horizon ends the gas giant's reign as an evening star. On the 6th, the waning crescent Moon forms a triangle with Saturn and Mars low in the east at 6:00 a.m.



On the next morning, the thin crescent Moon stands to the right of dazzling Venus at 6:15 a.m. at a very low elevation which will require an unobstructed view of the eastern horizon for observation.

#### April 2024

Temp. 49 degrees (avg.); precip. 4" (avg.). 1-3 Snow, then sunny; cold. 4-7 Rain, heavy west; milder. 8-12 Sunny, mild. 13-18 Scattered showers, warm. 19-26 Showers, cool. 27-30 Sunny, warmer. In exchange for allowing researchers to take samples, landowners have full access to their results, a \$5,000 value. Additionally, Margenot's research team would be available to discuss and interpret the results with landowners, an invaluable perk for many. Illinois property owners should check the soil archive map, click on the pins, and navigate to the individual sign-up link connected to each location. For more information, landowners can contact the researchers directly at margenot@illinois.edu or suweixu2@illinois.edu.

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

## Lemon Basil Orzo with Chicken

www.chewoutloud.com

This Lemon Basil Orzo with Chicken is quick, easy, and absolutely scrumptious. It's the ultimate spring-summer dinner; light yet incredibly tasty. It's an instant hit you can count on.

#### Ingredients

½ Ib dry orzo pasta
2 Ibs chicken breast tenders
Olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp garlic powder
2 TB salted butter
6 cloves garlic, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 cup dry white wine
2 TB freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
½ cup freshly torn basil leaves
Garnish: Lemon wedges, more par-



#### Instructions

mesan, extra basil leaves

In a pot of generously salted water, cook orzo just until al dente; don't overcook. Drain and toss with about 2 TB olive oil to prevent sticking. Keep warm.

While pasta is cooking: pat dry the moisture from chicken tenders with paper towels. In a small bowl, whisk together 1/2 tsp kosher salt, 1/4 tsp black pepper, and 1 tsp garlic powder. Sprinkle evenly on both sides of chicken pieces.

In a large skillet (not non-stick) add 4 TB olive oil over medium high heat. When oil is hot, cook chicken tenders just until no longer pink in center, about 2-3 min per side (depending on thickness of chicken). Remove chicken from pan and keep warm.

In same used skillet, add the butter over medium high heat. Once melted, add garlic and onion, stirring 1-2 minutes until fragrant. Add wine; deglaze pan by scraping bits loose with your spatula while the liquid cooks. Reduce liquid by half, about 3 minutes. Add lemon juice and turn off heat. Add kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste (1/4-1/2 tsp each.)

Place cooked orzo in a large serving bowl; toss with freshly grated parmesan and onion/garlic mixture. Toss in basil leaves. Serve with chicken and garnish as desired.



#### **Cool Beans:** Soy surrounds us

From the cooking oil in the cupboard and the feed in the hen house to the soles of the shoes at the back door, soy surrounds me. Every morning, soy hits me in the face with my makeup and the gut with my protein shake. We fuel our tractors and diesel-engine trucks with renewable, American-made soy-based biodiesel. And for a few weeks this spring, I will see the bean more than my family, when I plant more than 350 million soybean seeds on our farm.

Measuring smaller than my pinky nail, the mighty, protein-rich bean's highly versatile characteristics accommodate global demands for food, feed and fuel. Illinois

legislation currently attempts to identify the soybean as the Illinois state bean. After all, Illinois farmers grow more soybeans than anyone, with the reigning title of No. 1 soybean state in the nation.

Sovbeans cover about onefourth of Illinois' land mass and about 45% of my family's farmable land. We grow ultra-high-protein beans for niche markets that produce protein shakes and plantbased meats. We contract with companies to grow seed soybeans that farmers will buy and grow the following year. And we serve the traditional markets for Illinois sovbeans: A domestic supply of high-protein animal feed and a significant export market thanks to our state's valuable river transportation system. In fact, 60% of Illinois



# **ARE YOU A CURRENT VET STUDENT?**

**STUDENT TIMELINE:** 

- Loan for food animal vet students
- No interest on loan while you're in school
- Up to \$40,000 loan distributed over three years





- Interviews are conducted in June
- · Loan proceeds are dispersed in August

#### APPLY NOW: www.ilfb.org/iVET

soybeans are exported, credited to the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio rivers bordering or flowing through our state.

Beans from our smalltown farm often head to China, the top soybean importer by a wide margin. The country buys four times the American soybeans of No. 2 Mexico for oil and animal feed. Meanwhile, animals represent our nation's top soybean consumer. Chickens, turkeys, pigs, cattle and farm-raised fish thrive on the protein content in soybean meal that makes up 80% of the bean.

In the kitchen, soymilk and margarine (plant butter) serve as dairy alternatives. People treat tofu, a soybean product, like meat. Newspapers print with soy ink, kids color with soy-filled crayons,

and soy frequently makes food labels in the grocery aisles. Serving as an emulsifier for some foods, soy lecithin allows oil and water to mix in favorite snacks like granola bars and chocolates.

On the farm, soybeans collaborate well with conservation-minded practices of no-till and cover crops. They add benefits to the soil in a corn-soybean planting rotation and provide our farm a double-cropping option after July-harvested wheat within a single growing season. They are pretty cool beans.

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, backyard chickens and farmkids.

# **Applications available for Veterinary Student Loans**

Illinois Farm Bureau<sup>®</sup> (IFB) is accepting applications for its Illinois Veterinary Education and Training (IVET) loan program. Loans are available to second-year veterinary students attending any accredited college of veterinary medicine in the U.S. and who are focusing on Illinois food animal medicine.

The Illinois Veterinary Education Training (IVET) Program helps offset the high cost of veterinary education. The program loans up to \$40,000 to as many as three veterinary students each year. Loans are made over a period of two to three years. IVET awards recipients a \$1,500 stipend during their fourth year in school to help pay expenses associated with clinical rotations. Loans are repaid over five years, during which graduates must commit to working in a food animal practice that services Illinois livestock producers.

"Illinois Farm Bureau encourages veterinary students to pursue a career in caring for food animals." said Tasha Bunting, IFB director of commodity programs and food systems. "To succeed, farmers need the services of a food-animal veterinarian to help them care for their beef cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry. It's an incredibly rewarding career field that has seen an increase in demand in recent years."

Applications are due May 15, 2024, and can be found online at www.ilfb.org/IVET. The selection committee will interview eligible applicants in spring 2024. Successful applicants will be notified by mail. Loan disbursements begin in August.

IFB established IVET in 2005. Since then, the organization has awarded more than \$610.000 to 29 veterinary students who focus on caring for food animals in Illinois.

For more information about the program, contact Tasha Bunting at 309-557-2993 or tbunting@ilfb.org.

### Partners for Conservation – Opportunities for Landowners Ready for Conservation Practices to Improve their Land's Soil & Water Health.

Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District can provide technical assistance and possibly also funding for your next project!

Our MISSION = Reduce Soil Loss and Improve Water Quality. Conservation Practices can significantly impact conditions on a variety of properties from residential land to agricultural acres.

KDSWCD provides technical assistance, as well as cost share funds to support conservation practices designed exclusively to support projects which address water quality or soil erosion concerns such as: pollinator

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and supporting nutrient cycling for plants. It conserves water, prevents erosion, mitigates climate change by capturing CO2 from the atmosphere, preserves biodiversity, and enhances ecosystem services. Protecting and improving soil heath is a critical aspect of sustainable land management and ensuring a more resilient and prosperous future for our planet."

Today, Light of the Soil, LLC specializes in offering premium vermicompost and related products designed to enrich soil health and boost plant vitality through natural, organic means. Additionally, they provide consultation and training services on sustainable agriculture practices, emphasizing waste reduction and the benefits of vermicomposting for both large and small-scale gardeners and growers. Light of the Soil, LLC also provides educational opportunities including workshops, seminars, and hands-on training to empower individuals and communities to implement eco-friendly practices in their aardenina.

habitat, reduced tillage, cover crops, well decommissioning, grassed waterways, rain gardens, constructed wetlands and more!

We are especially seeking operations that are poised to implement cover crops and/or reduced tillage in 2024.

Cover crops are a longterm investment used primarily to slow erosion, improve soil health, enhance water availability, smother weeds, help control pests/diseases and increase biodiversity, while enhancing a host of other benefits. Over time, they are shown to increase crop yields, break through a

"In the agriculture community we have seen a shift in the understanding of soil health" says Marty. Today soil is seen as a critical living ecosystem that requires careful management and preservation as opposed to a mere commodity. Farmers and gardeners must balance productivity with the preservation of soil health for future generations."

This can be achieved by fostering a healthy soil microbiome by minimizing the use of pesticides, using organic matter, and promoting beneficial microorganisms through microbial inoculants such as worm castings and compost teas. Worm castings, also known as vermicompost. are the nutrient-rich excrement produced by earthworms as they digest organic matter. Worm castings are highly beneficial for soil health because they are rich in beneficial bacteria and fungi which suppress harmful pathogens. They also contain essential plant nutrients, improve soil structure, and add organic matter to the soil. Compost teas are liquid extracts made from steeping compost in water and aeratcontinued on page 7

plow pan, add organic matter economic advantages include to the soil and attract pollinators, as well as increasing resilience to help combat the increasingly erratic, intense rainfall/drought conditions that we are experiencing.

Reduced tillage creates significantly less soil disturbance and leaves soil structure more intact. This results in a healthier microbiome,

less erosion plus improved moisture infiltration and retention capacity. Crop residue is left standing to help protect the soil surface while adding organic matter. Additional

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N E C reductions in crop establishment time and energy use.

Funds are currently available in partnership with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. This first round of 2024 funding closes April 8. Contact us to explore your options - email contact@ kanedupageswcd.org or call 630-584-7960 ext. 3.



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Farm Bureau Marketplace Send your ad to: DuPage Farmer 245 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188

#### FOR SALE

CHERRY DESK and matching credenza. Desk 36'x72'x29' high. Credenza 20'x72'x29' high. Each unit has 2 file drawers and 2 4' high drawers. Asking \$100 for set. 630-453-7375

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KAYAK SWIMMING POOL, 12'x20'x4' deep. All white aluminum and blue trim. Walk around 2' deck and a 12x10' lounging deck. I have a new liner (25 mil) in the box to go with it and all up to date filtering system. Pool must be disassembled and relocated. All V.G. Condition. My Kayak Pool \$4,500 (new price is \$30,000 +) Price is firm. 1st come 1st serve. 630-205-8835.

WILSON NEW RED STANDING GOLF BAG, 5 pocket, carry strap, umbrella holder 34-35" tall, \$45. Glass Punch Bowl with large round serving tray to match, 18 cups with hangers for 12, \$25. Royal Currier & Ives dishes, The Old Grist Mill. Dinner lunch plates, soup bowls & extra serving pieces, over 40 pieces, \$500. Lacrosse Warrior MPG (10M) Elbow Guarde, never used \$30. Lacrosse Warrior Sugar Daddy Gloves, couture cuff, barely used, \$25. I can text pictures if desired. Please leave a message, 630-964-7589.

# **Recruiter of the Month**

Congratulations to Hieu Tran for his outstanding achievement as Recruiter of the Month! Signing up 4 new members for the DuPage County Farm Bureau is truly commendable. Keep up the excellent work and thank you for your valuable contributions!

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ing the mixture to promote the growth of beneficial microorganisms. Both worm castings and teas can be valuable tools for gardeners and farmers looking to enhance soil health and plant growth organically.

Marty and Jay would like to invite all DCFB members to engage with Light of the Soil, LLC and their mission by participating in their workshops and training programs. These events focus on sustainable practices in vermicomposting, organic gardening, and soil health. Light of the Soil, LLC is accepting donations for expired canned and dry goods to feed their growing population of compost worms. You can also serve as a community ambassador by sharing knowledge and experiences of

1955 JOHNSON 25, totally refurbished. Electric start. Call 630-624-8382.

PUMP ORGAN, 19th century, restored. \$200, text 630-833-0234.

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**Hieu Tran** 630-620-9295 310 S. Main St., Unit G Lombard, IL 60148



vermicomposting and help broaden the impact of Light of the Soil's mission.

"What started as a small project, driven by a desire to capture the joy and curiosity of Mikaya's experience, quickly grew into a massive labor of love" says Marty. "The mission of promoting sustainable practices through vermicomposting and organic gardening, coupled with the aspiration to make a lasting impact on our community turned Light of the Soil, LLC and Paw Paw Industries into more than just companies. They became a testament to the power of shared passion and vision, transforming our initial excitement into a collective endeavor that continues to inspire and engage people of all ages."

More information can be found at lightofthesoil.com and pawpaw industries.com.

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# **Financial Rep** of the Month

The Financial Representative of the Month program is designed by COUN-TRY® 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 February 2024, by Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager. Jim's office is located at 1730 Park



Jim McGuigan

St, Unit 224, Naperville, 60563. He can be reached at 630-851-0620.

#### Hieu Tran • Carol Stream Agency

Hieu Tran has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for February 2024, by Drew Cali, Agency Manager. Hieu's office is located at 310 S. Main St., Unit G, Lombard,

60148. He can be reached at 630-620-9295.

#### Bill Asimakopoulos • Will/South DuPage

Agency **Bill Asimakopoulos** 

has been named Career Financial Representative of the Month for February 2024, by Dan Connol-**Bill Asimakopoulos** 

ly, Agency Manager. Bill's office

is located at 241 Burlington, Clarendon Hills, 60514. He can be reached at 630-887-7788.



# spring into Salings with DIFB Discounts

### **Restaurant Discounts**

#### 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 – Bloomingdale Anyway's Pub – Oakbrook Terrace 10% off of food purchase

304 W Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, 60108 5 E Roosevelt Rd, Oakbrook Terrace, 60181 www.anywayspub.com

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4030 Fox Valley Center Dr. Aurora, 60504 630-229-6030

www.hopvinebrewingcompany.com

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Any \$20 or more order 15% off, buy any pizza and get 10" cheese pizza free 16 267 West Elk Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188 630-752-9680 www.paparays.com

#### Sarpinos Pizzeria

(Downers Grove Location) Buy one pizza at regular price, get a second pizza for \$5 5107 Fairview Ave., Downers Grove, 60515 630.515.0005 • gosarpinos.com

Shinto Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar

20% off full priced items, max value of \$20, not valid with any other discounts or offers 504 N. Route 59, Suite 116 Naperville, 60563 630.637.8899 • www.shintorestaurants.com

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

#### Uncle Bub's BBQ \$5 off \$20 purchase while dining in

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

#### Entertainment **Discounts**

Arcada Theatre 15% discount on tickets to the theatre 105 E. St. Charles, 60174 630-962-7000 - oshows.com

#### Des Plaines Theatre

15% discount on tickets to the theatre 1476 Miner St. Des Plaines, 60016 630-962-7000 - oshows.com

#### Enchanted Castle

Buy one ride or attraction ticket, get one FREE 1103 S. Main St. Lombard, IL 60148

630-953-7860 www.enchanted.com

#### Fox Bowl

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

#### Mighty Oak Athletic

50% off the first month of training 6424 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, 60559 630-464-9498 - MightyOakAthletic.com

#### **Parkside Lanes**

Free shoe rental with purchase of 2 paid games

34W185 Montgomery Rd • Aurora, 60504 630.898.5678 • www.parkside54.com

Pinot's Palette – St. Charles 15% off (online only). Must use discount code FARMBUREAU at checkout. 3823 E. Main St., St. Charles 630-338-0278 www.pinotspalette.com/stcharles

#### Local Business Discounts

A-Archer Sewer & Plumbing \$50.00 off any service call

504 W. Edgewood Rd. Lombard, 60148 630-932-9800 - www.a-archer.net

**Downers Grove Training & Grooming** \$100.00 off all training schools and \$10.00 off any grooming 2151 63rd St., Downers Grove, IL 60516 630-724-7039

Ferrari Plumbing \$40.00 off any plumbing service 1727 Stoddard Ave. Wheaton, IL 60187 630-709-7277 www.ferrariplumbing.net

Fresh and Silk Flowers (Carol Stream Location) 15% off all goods and extras 578 W Army Trail Rd • Carol Stream, 60088 630.690.7822 www.freshandsilkflowers.com

Gravity Express 10% off services 546 N. Stewart Ave., Lombard 224-200-4543 Great Gutters & Exteriors

10% off 189 Oakwood Dr. Wood Dale, 60191 773-952-1737 greatguttersandexteriors@gmail.com

#### 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

#### Light of the Soil

50% off retail price on all worm castings and compost teas purchased through website, shows, or calling. 2479 Baier Rd North Aurora, IL 60542 630-439-7966 Royal Polish Nail Salon

10% off your scheduled visit 116 Galena St. West Chicago, IL 60185 630-876-1202

Upfront Concrete 10% off epoxy flooring 630-306-3720 upfrontconcrete@gmail.com

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

### April Meat Order Form

Pick up is located inside the DCFB office. More product is available on our website store : DCFB.org

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PRODUCT	PRICE	QTY	COST			
Bacon Wrapped Filets, 4pc, 10oz	\$57.00			I		
Bourbon Marinated Steak, 8pc, 8oz	\$51.00					
Ground Round, 10lb	\$45.00					
Hamburger Patties, 1/3 lb,15pc	\$25.00					
Top Sirloin Butt Steak, 8pc, 8oz	\$51.00					
Chicken Taco Meat, 5lb	\$33.00					
Honey BBQ Chicken Breast, 10pc, 8oz	\$33.00			I		
Plain Chicken Breast, 10pc, 8oz	\$33.00					
Tequila Lime Chicken Breast, 10pc, 8oz	\$33.00					
Tortilla Crusted Chicken Breast, 8pc	\$32.00					
Bacon Wrapped Pork Chops, 8pc, 10oz	\$33.00					
BBQ Boneless Pork Chops, 10pc, 8oz	\$32.00			L.		
Plain Boneless Pork Chops, 10pc, 8oz	\$32.00					
Stuffed Pork Chops, 4pc, 10oz	\$29.00					
Brats, 20pc box	\$31.00					
Chicago All Beef Hot Dogs, 20pc box	\$31.00					
Italian Sausage, 5lb box	\$31.00					
Pork Back Ribs, 10oz, 2per pkg	\$32.00					
	Grand Total \$					
Name:FB#:						
Contact Number:						
Email Address:						
Send payment payable to DCFB to: DC	CFB 245 S. Gary /		Stream, IL 60188 eadline: April 16			
Pick up: April 25th at the DCFB office from 8:30am-4pm Dates/prices subject to change						