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Congratulations
to Keely Wixted for her exceptional performance at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Discussion Meet, where she placed in the top 16! Pictured with the DuPage County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and District Young Leader Committee, Michael Bernhard.



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Calendar of Events January 2025

- Jan 1st New Year's Day Holiday – Office closed
- Jan 13th Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 20th Martin Luther King Holiday – Office closed
- Jan 21st Meat order deadline – 4:00 p.m.
- Jan 30th Meat order pick up – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Happy New Year



Lets strike up some fun!

The DuPage County Farm Bureau is excited to announce our upcoming annual Bowling Outing for members, families, and friends. Join us, Saturday, March 22nd at Bowlero, 558 E. North Ave., Glendale Heights. Check-in is at 11:45 a.m. This annual event is always a great time and serves a vital purpose by raising funds for our Ag in the Classroom program and scholarships.

Bowlers of all skill levels are invited to join the fun! Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. We will also be offering a 50/50 raffle.

If you are not able to attend but would like to support our event, we are accepting donation items to be used for prizes. Consider donating gift certificates, raffle baskets, and store merchandise. We appreciate your support.

Registration is now open. You can register online at dcfb.org or you can fill out the registration form and send it to The DuPage County Farm Bureau at 245. S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188.

DUPAGE COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2025 BOWLING EVENT

CHECK IN AT 11:45 A.M.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 22ND**

BOWLERO
558 E. NORTH AVE.
GLENDALE HEIGHTS

All DCFB Members, Family & Friends are welcome!

Cost: \$18.00 per bowler (3 games & shoe rental) Bumper Lanes available for kids (under 12)

PRIZES!	AWARDS!	FUN!	50/50 DRAWING!
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 14TH			
NAME _____	NAME AND AGE OF BOWLERS _____		
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2025 Foundation Scholarships Available

High School seniors and college students are urged to apply for the 2025 scholarships provided by the DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation. Visit our website to download pdfs of the scholarship applications or to apply online at dcfb.org under the Foundation tab. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact our office at 630.668.8161 or email info@dcfb.org.

DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation General Scholarship

Up to five \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who will be pursuing a bachelor's degree related to the agriculture industry. Agriculture involves a wide range of careers. Qualified programs may include, but are not limited to, horticulture, agronomy, engineering, veterinary, communications, environmental science, food science, biology, etc. Applicants must explain how their chosen career path will impact the agriculture industry. Application deadline is May 1, 2025.

Arnold Oestmann Scholarship

Up to five \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to high

school seniors who will be pursuing a bachelor's degree. There are no restrictions on the college course of study. This scholarship was created in memory of Arnold Oestmann of Westmont, IL. Mr. Oestmann was a past president of the DuPage County Farm Bureau. Application deadline is April 1, 2025.



SCAN ME

Culinary & Nutrition Scholarship

Up to two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or current college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in a culinary or nutrition-related program. Food begins on a farm, and those working in related industries can study food and the importance and impact it has in our daily lives. Applica-

tion deadline is May 1, 2025.

Trade Scholarship

Up to two \$2,000 trade scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors enrolled in a Trade and Technical career program. Areas may include, but are not limited to, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, truck driving, etc. Application deadline is May 1, 2025.

Ken F. Ebersold Scholarship

Up to three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to current college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or those pursuing a master's degree. Students must be actively and successfully pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agricultural related course of study. This scholarship was created in memory of Ken F. Ebersold of Downers Grove, IL. Mr. Ebersold was a past president of the DuPage County Farm Bureau and an active volunteer for many years. Past recipients of this scholarship may apply during each year of their college career. Application deadline is May 1, 2025.

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

Farmer's Almanac Predictions

January Sky Watch:

The year begins with celestial fireworks leaping from dusk's twilight on the 1st, as the Crescent moon hovers low with dazzling Venus to its upper left and Saturn between them. On the 10th, the Moon forms a striking conjunction with brilliant Jupiter. The greatest headliner arrives on the 13th, when the Moon not only

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★ ★ ★ Happy New Year! ★ ★ ★

Joke of the Month

What did the cow say on January 1st?
Happy Moo Year!

Submitted by Ren MacDonald
Send your farm jokes to info@dcfb.org

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Illinois AGRICULTURE in the ClassroomSM

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@dcbf.org or 630-668-8161.**

November's Numbers:

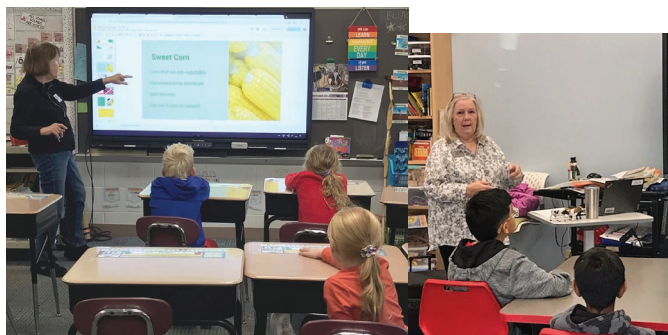
3,428 students • 185 teachers
#1 Lesson Topic: Corn
Total Students Reached to date: 16,275

Teacher Quote about an AITC Visit:

"The presentation slideshows are always engaging especially with having images and videos for my students who are English language learners. The activities are also always hands-on which make it exciting for the students. Not only am I able to reference what we learned from Kenna to class topics, but the students are always referring back to details from Kenna's presentation that I may not have even remembered right away. It is super helpful to have these Ag in the Classroom lessons when it comes to teaching Science in our curriculum too. I love having Ag in the Classroom lessons."

5th Grade Teacher, Hawthorne Elementary

Corn and Soybeans were the topics of choice for many of our classrooms during November. As farmers were wrapping up their harvest season, our students were learning about all the different uses for corn and soy. This is especially important here in Illinois where we are the #1 producer of soybeans and the #2 producer of corn! During the lesson, students learned how these important crops are grown, harvested, and processed. Many classes studying soybeans made a beanie baby, which they could take home and watch the seed germination process. Younger students who learned about corn participated in a corn labeling activity, and older students enjoyed the dollar distribution activity.



Did You Know?

Illinois ranks 4th
in pork production.
In Illinois, farmers produce
nearly 2.1 billion pounds
of pork each year.

AITC Presents at NISE Conference

On November 18th, AITC led two teacher workshops at the annual Northern Illinois Science Educators (NISE) Conference. The high school session titled "Selective Breeding & Agriculture" featured information about corn and a hands-on demonstration showing how scientists use selective breeding and biotechnology to create new types of corn that are resistant to different pests and weather events. The elementary session, "The Story of Agriculture: Connecting Literature & STEM", showed teachers how to connect story books with STEM activities.



Topics included dairy with butter making, soybeans with beanie babies, and soil with the soil particles activity. During the day, 47 teachers attended the workshops.



Teacher Institute Day – Registration Closed

We are excited to announce that our 2025 Teacher Institute Day Workshop "From Roots to STEM" has reached its capacity. Registration is now closed. We're looking forward to seeing everyone next month for a fun day of learning!

Photos, left to right: *The 2nd graders at Bethany Lutheran learned all about corn with Mary; Kathy visited the 5th graders at G. Stanley Hall to teach about dairy cattle; The 2nd graders at Madison learned about the farm to table process of corn with Kenna; The 2nd graders at Prospect enjoyed making beanie babies with Marilyn.*

FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



Meals blanket us in comfort

Mom made even the best of days better when she set a pot of homemade beef stew with dumplings in the middle of the table. This repurposed meal of my childhood rated more delicious than the roast beef supper she prepared the night before. The aroma hugged you upon walking in the door. And to this day, this main course dishes out as much happiness to my soul as beefy vegetable goodness to my taste buds.

Comfort foods seem magical, and as a parent, I attempt to replicate the magic with Swedish meatballs, pizza casserole and fresh-baked rolls with home-preserved jams. Certain foods make us feel good as they satisfy our needs, and the farm women and church ladies before me set flavor standards and meal-time priorities that we embrace.

Throughout the winter, we find fulfillment in family-recipe cinnamon rolls and homemade meals of chicken noodle soup, chicken pesto pasta, burgundy pork tenderloin, pulled beef and meatloaf with farm-raised beef from the freezer. Every cool-weather holiday includes my mother-

in-law's dressing recipe, and at family parties, I attempt to mimic my late aunt's deviled eggs given we own hens that supply the main ingredient.

My adulthood favorite home-cooked meal of chicken pot pie makes the menu once per year on a quiet Saturday. After the meal that took most of the day to prepare, I scrape every bit of residue from my personal ramekin with a spoon. While a decibel less annoying than fingernails on a chalkboard, I figure it's more polite than licking the bowl.

At Christmas, a cousin met requests for my late aunt's raspberry dessert. A neighbor's recipe for pizza stromboli has evolved into an interactive, meal-making memory for our family on Christmas Eve. And with Midwestern tradition, our farm family places Granny's four-layer "salad" next to the lettuce salad in the potluck line because it contains Jell-O. The "salad" also has whipped topping; nonetheless, we enjoy it with the main course and still leave room for dessert.

During the fall harvest, the anticipation of a hot evening meal is real. Mom's field-side meal deliveries stop combines,

nearly all of Canada, beginning between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M. local time, depending on the location. Mars reappears about an hour later.

January 2025

Temp. 27° (1° below avg.); precip. 1.5" (1.5" below avg.). 1-10 Showers, mild. 11-14 Sunny, chilly. 15-22 Lake snows east, snow showers west; cold. 23-31 Snowy, very cold.

trucks and tractors temporarily for the operators to grab their daily dose on a long workday. Mom prepares her classics like barbecued meatballs and taco casserole. She adds a sweet treat often credited to a church lady's recipe in one of the United Method-

ist cookbooks, further proof that legacies live on through the foods that comfort us.

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



Very Pinteresting

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

Roasted Winter Vegetable Soup

Ingredients

1/2 small butternut squash (peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch dice) (2 cups)
3 medium parsnips (peeled, cut into 1-inch dice) (1 cup)
1 medium sweet potato (peeled, cut into 1-inch dice) (1 cup)
2 medium carrots (peeled, cut into 1-inch dice) (1 cup)
1/2 fennel bulb (quartered & sliced thin) (1 cup)
1/2 teaspoon + 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt or coarse sea salt
2 tablespoons + 3 tablespoons olive oil (divided)
1 medium onion (diced) (2 cups)
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 cups vegetable broth
2 medium russet potatoes (peeled and diced) (2 cups)
4-5 fresh thyme sprigs
1 cup milk
Salt & pepper (to taste)
Pepper + thyme leaves for garnish

Instructions

Heat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a large bowl, toss the butternut squash, parsnips, sweet potatoes, carrots, and fennel with 2 tablespoons olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt. Spread in a single layer on a large baking sheet and roast until tender and browned in places, about 40 minutes, turning a couple of times while roasting.

While the veggies are roasting, prepare the base of the soup. To a large saucepan over low heat, add 3 tablespoons olive oil. Add the onion along with a pinch of salt and a bit of pepper, then cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 10 minutes.

Stir in the flour and cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Stir in the vegetable broth. Add the potatoes and thyme. Bring to a boil over medium heat then reduce heat to low. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Remove from heat. Pick out the thyme stems and discard.

Stir in the roasted vegetables. Carefully transfer about 3 cups of the chowder to the pitcher of a blender. Puree until smooth. Return the pureed mixture to the pot and stir to combine. The soup should be thick, rich, and creamy.

Stir in the milk. Place the pot back on the burner, and, with the heat on medium-low, return to a simmer, stirring often to prevent burning.

Taste and add additional salt and pepper if desired.

Serve garnished with an additional turn of cracked pepper and thyme leaves. Sometimes, I'll reserve a few of the roasted veggies for garnish too.

Almanac

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meets but eclipses Mars, with the Red Planet just days from opposition on the 15th. This rare event appears halfway up the eastern sky from most locations, with Mars now at its brightest until 2031. The occultation is visible throughout the mainland U.S. and

The Rise of Moss Walls: A Green Design Trend

Moss walls are rapidly gaining popularity as a sustainable and aesthetically pleasing way to bring nature indoors. These living or preserved vertical gardens are crafted using various types of moss, offering a lush and calming visual effect that complements modern interior design trends.

What Are Moss Walls?

Moss walls are either made from live moss that requires regular care or preserved moss that is treated to retain its texture and color without needing sunlight or water. Popular moss varieties include reindeer moss, sheet moss, and cushion moss. They are mounted onto panels or directly onto walls, creating a unique, textured look that transforms any space into a green sanctuary.

Benefits of Moss Walls

Air Quality and Acoustics: Moss walls contribute to air purification and noise reduction, making them ideal for offices, homes, and public spaces.

Low Maintenance: Preserved moss walls are maintenance-free, needing no watering, soil, or direct sunlight, while live moss walls require minimal care compared to traditional houseplants.

Aesthetic Appeal: Their natural beauty and vibrant green tones add a calming, biophilic element to any room, reducing stress and enhancing well-being.

Sustainability: Moss walls are eco-friendly, often utilizing recycled materials for backing and natural moss, promoting sustainable design.

Applications

Moss walls are versatile and can be customized to fit various settings, from accent walls in living rooms to statement pieces in corporate lobbies. They're also popular in restaurants, retail spaces,

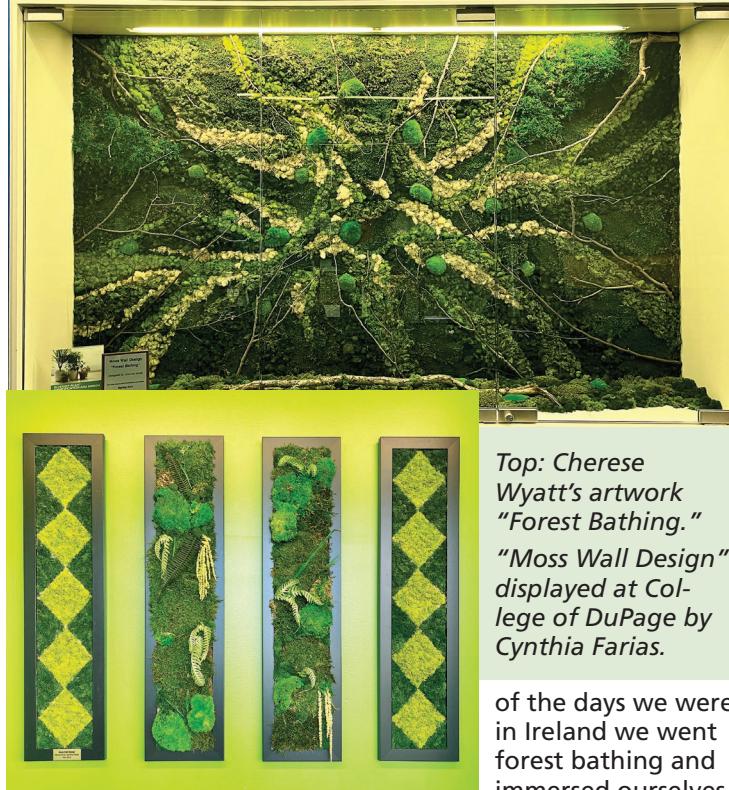
and wellness centers, offering a connection to nature that aligns with green design principles.

Local Moss

In the spring, the College of DuPage offers HORT 2256: Interior Plant Identification & Design, a course that blends interior landscaping with

this segment:

The inspiration behind this art piece was to capture the feeling of when you walk into a forest and look up to see the tree canopy above you. I went on a study abroad trip to Ireland at the start of working on this project. One



Top: Cheresse Wyatt's artwork "Forest Bathing." "Moss Wall Design" displayed at College of DuPage by Cynthia Farias.

horticultural knowledge and expertise. This year, Cheresse Wyatt went above and beyond, crafting a stunning masterpiece that captured admiration. Drawing on principles of perspective and experiences in nature, Cheresse created a vibrant work that seamlessly blends natural elements with an innovative concept. Her dedication to the craft and thoughtful attention to detail resulted in a work that inspires and showcases the potential of plant design. Here's a look at her creation and the creative process behind it.

To give deeper insight into her creative process, Cheresse Wyatt shares her thoughts and experiences in

of the days we were in Ireland we went forest bathing and immersed ourselves

among the trees. I took my shoes off to ground myself and to feel a deeper connection with the nature around me. We took this time by closing our eyes and listening to the sounds of the forest. On the path, there was a tree that looked like it was overjoyed and later, I discovered that I had it as a part of the design.

How long did the artwork take her in total?

I started laying out the branches on April 17th, applying the moss to the board on May 1st, and had the project installed on June 3rd.

How did she find time to work on it?

I was able to use the class time for about three

weeks until the end of the semester. There would be days where I would work my eight-hour shift at the farm, come straight to College of DuPage, and sometimes be working on the design until 9pm. Whenever I had a free moment, I would be working on this piece. Jean would come in and was a huge help for me accomplishing this in the time that I did. I would lay the moss out for her, and she would sit there helping me glue the pieces down.

What was the most challenging part of it? What was the most rewarding?

The most challenging part of it was working on the ground since it would look completely different when it was upright. I would stand on chairs and get an overlooking view of it, but it would never do it justice. I feel that the most rewarding part of it all was having it installed in the display case and having my vision come alive. When you look at something for so long, it is hard to look at it with fresh eyes so as weeks passed, I went to look at it again and was able to appreciate it more than I did when it was first installed.

If she were speaking with students about it, what advice would she share with them?

In the Interior Plant ID & Design class with Jean Berg you get to learn how to make an interior landscape design, learn the characteristics of interior plants, and most of all, get the opportunity to be creative in designing a preserved moss wall. I would highly recommend anyone that has an interest in interior plant design to take this class. College of DuPage creates wonderful opportunities for their students, and I am incredibly grateful to the horticulture program for all the experiences I have had in only a year here.

Locally Led Conservation—How Can You Be Involved?

Be an advocate for soil and water in Kane and DuPage Counties! Serving as a Director on the Soil & Water Conservation District Board is a privilege and an opportunity to serve on a local public body that makes decisions and creates programs regarding natural resource conservation in Kane and DuPage Counties. All Directors must be 18 years or older and must have their residence within the District.

The Board meets regularly to formulate and administer programs of work that are tailored specifically to the conservation and protection of soil, water and related natural resources within the district.

Anyone living within or owning land in these counties may also become an Associate Director, as appointed by the Board. Associates can provide additional advice and perspective, as well as learn more about the District prior to running for a seat on the Board.

Attending a Board Meeting is an ideal way to learn about its function, all members of the public are welcome. Meetings convene on the second Thursday of the month at 6pm, unless otherwise noted on our website.

Not interested in serving on the Board? Remember to



VOTE! Owners and occupiers of land in Kane and DuPage Counties are entitled to vote in the election of KDSWCD Board of Directors. Polling

locations will be at the KDSWCD office, 2315 Dean St, Suite 100, St. Charles and the DuPage County Farm Bureau, 245 South Gary Avenue, Carol Stream. Make your voice heard on February 11, 2025!

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PETITION

To all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Kane DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District: beginning on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 nominations will be accepted for a two-year term

of the office of Director of the Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District. Petitions may be obtained at the District's Office at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL, during our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call the office for details at (630) 584-7960, Ext. 3. To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of Director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the District. Completed petitions must be returned to the District office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2025.



For more info, visit <https://kanedupageswcd.org/kld/elections>

IAA Scholarships

"Offering scholarships that encourage students to explore degrees in agriculture related fields is a privilege," said Jennifer Smith, IAA Foundation development manager. "It is imperative that future agriculture leaders receive financial support so they can focus on their education and begin to build their career in agriculture."

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 120 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$210,251 for the 2025-26 school year.

Applications are open for a variety of financial awards including the newly created Charles B. Shuman Memorial Scholarship and the William and Carol Keppy Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, the IAA Foundation offers schol-

arships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy and several family scholarships established to honor loved ones.

Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences and an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the individual scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available at www.iaafoundation.org. Applications must be completed online by February 15. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or email Jennifer Smith at jsmith@lfb.org

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.



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2 bedroom apartment, 1 block from downtown Lombard. If interested please contact Don Tuchscherer at 630-279-3530

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2/3 BOTTOM I.H.C. pull-type hydraulic plow. 847-274-0977

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Join the ISGA at the Bank of Springfield Center on January 29-31, 2025. Register before January 17th to receive the pre-registration discount. It also

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January 17th online registration closes and prices will increase. The next time to register will be at full cost, in person, starting the first day of the conference.

The Illinois Specialty Growers Association (ISGA) is a united voice that supports and advocates promotion, research, and education efforts within the industry. They strive to improve market opportunities and production quality for specialty crops grown in Illinois.



JANUARY 29-31, 2025

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Anyway's Pub – Bloomingdale
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10% off of food purchase
304 W Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, 60108
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Papa Rays Pizza & Wings
Two large pizzas, two toppings for \$29.99; Family Meal Pack – 1, 16" cheese pizza, 10" cheese garlic bread, 10 pics. wings, 1, 2 liter soda
267 West Elk Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188
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Sarpinos Pizzeria
(Downers Grove Location)
Buy one pizza at regular price, get a second pizza for \$5
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630.515.0005 • gosarpinos.com

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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

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/
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Entertainment Discounts

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

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15% discount on tickets to the theatre
1476 Miner St. Des Plaines, 60016
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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 FARBUREAU at checkout.
3823 E. Main St., St. Charles
630-338-0278
www.pinotspalette.com/stcharles

Raging Waves
DCFB members can purchase discounted tickets to Raging Waves, Illinois Largest Waterpark, located in Yorkville, IL. Save money on Any Day Admission tickets. Tickets are only available for purchase online. Please use promo code DCFB25 at checkout. Limited Time Only!

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

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

Ferrari Plumbing
\$55.00 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

Hills Roofing Inc.
10% off any job up to \$200
6817 Hobson Valley Dr. Ste.112
Woodridge, IL 60517
630-963-1555
hillsroofinginc.com

HR Skylights
6817 Hobson Valley Dr. Ste.112
Woodridge, IL 60517
630-592-2418
hrskylights.com

Jay's Plumbing
\$15 off any service calls, must mention discount at scheduling.
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1509 Ogden Ave • Downers Grove, 60515
630.434.9200 • www.jaysplumbing.net

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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

January Meat Order

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

PRODUCT	PRICE	QTY	COST
Bacon Wrapped Filets, 4pc, 10oz	\$52.00		
Bourbon Marinated Steak, 8pc, 8oz	\$51.00		
Ground Round, 10lb	\$53.00		
Bratwurst Burgers, 5lb,	\$35.00		
Top Sirloin Butt Steak, 8pc, 8oz	\$51.00		
Chicken Taco Meat, 5lb	\$34.00		
Honey BBQ Chicken Breast, 10pc, 8oz	\$36.00		
Plain Chicken Breast, 10pc, 8oz	\$33.00		
Tequila Lime Chicken Breast, 10pc, 8oz	\$36.00		
Tortilla Crusted Chicken Breast, 5lb	\$34.00		
Chicken Bacon Ranch Burgers, 5lb	\$35.00		
BBQ Boneless Pork Chops, 5lb	\$33.00		
Plain Boneless Pork Chops, 10pc, 8oz	\$33.00		
Stuffed Pork Chops, 4pc, 10oz	\$31.00		
Bone In Pork Chops 5lb 10 pcs	\$33.00		
Boneless Beef Short Ribs 5lb	\$38.00		
Pork Back Ribs	\$32.00		
Italian Sausage 5lb	\$32.00		

Grand Total \$ _____

Name: _____ FB#: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Send payment payable to : DuPage County Farm Bureau 245 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Order Deadline: January 21st

Dates/prices subject to change

Pick up: January 30th at the DCFB office from 8:30am-4pm