

# HARNER'S BAKERY & RESTAURANT AN AURORA INSTITUTION SINCE 1960

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Darryl Harner joined Ochsenschlager's Bakery in 1956. Four years later, Daryl and his wife Joyce bought the business located at 935 W Galena in Aurora. In 1977, the Harner family, which now included seven children, opened another location in the Northgate Shopping Center. In 1993, the family opened what is now the restaurant and bakery located in North Aurora along the Fox River at 10 W State Street (630/892-4400). Since 1960, the Harner name is familiar to folks throughout the Fox Valley who appreciate some of the best food available in the area! The menu of delicious Baked Goods, made from scratch, is huge and includes homemade sweet rolls and donuts, cookies, pies, breads and cakes; Harner's has maintained the reputation of being the best bakery in the Fox Valley for over 50 years!

Customers can choose from 14 varieties of Coffee Cake, 11 flavors of Raised Donuts and Sweet Rolls, 9 Dinner Rolls, 9 different Cake Donuts and 8 delectable Cookies. Add to that specialty items including Apple & Cherry Turnovers, Elephant Ears, Pecan Rolls, Cinnamon Fans, Brownies, Chocolate Éclairs and Cream Horns.

Breads include White, Wheat, Rye & 7 Grain, French and Cinnamon Raisin. Hamburger, Hotdog, Bratwurst, Italian Beef and Pan Buns are available, as well as Banana, Cranberry, Pumpkin & Zucchini Nut Breads and Cranberry, Blueberry, Banana and Carrot Raisin Muffins.

Not only is the Bakery famous, but Harner's is also known for great home-cooked food. Specialties include Batter-Dipped Fried Chicken, Roast Pig (served the First Friday of every month), real Mashed Potatoes, fresh vegetables, a Soup & Salad Bar and homemade Bread Pudding.

The traditional Breakfast Menu, served any time, includes Corned Beef Hash, Biscuits and Gravy, NY Strip, Ground Round or Country Fried Steak or Grilled Pork Chop served with two eggs, hash browns and toast, 9 Omelet's, 4 different varieties of Pancakes, 3 of French Toast, and sides to embellish any order.

Daily Specials feature Homemade Chicken & Dumplings on Mondays, Corned Beef & Cabbage on Tuesdays, Homemade Chicken Pot Pie on Wednesdays, Braised Pot Roast on Thursdays, Beer Battered Perch on Fridays and Regular or Queen Cut Prime Rib on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Lunch Menu lists 15 Sandwiches, 5 Burgers and Hot Turkey, Beef or Meatloaf selections. Lighter Fare Country Platters come in 16 different varieties. Full Dinners include Naturally Aged Meats, Pork, Roast Beef, Spaghetti, Old Fashioned Meatloaf, Chicken, and Seafood. Meals can be topped off with Delicious Desserts and a wide selection of beverages including Wines and Bottled Beer.

Harner's has been catering special events for many years. Favorites are Roast Beef, Hickory Smoked Ham and Roast Pig to which a selection of homemade salads, bakery items and desserts can be added.

North Aurora is open Monday through Saturday from 5:30 AM to 9 PM, Sunday, 5:30 AM to 3 PM. The Galena location is open daily from 6 AM to noon.

