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46th Annual Bull Test Sale

"The bull test has a rich tradition at WIU for being not only the best bull test in the state but also a tremendous learn-by-doing experience for students. This event is in its 46th year and brings many alumni, students, cattle breeders, and industry professionals together."

Dr. Keela Trennepohl

The sale will be held March 9th at 7 PM at the WIU Livestock Center. The ladies of Sigma Alpha will be running concessions. If you are interested in learning more about the test or volunteering your time please contact Keela:

km-trennepohl@wiu.edu.



Upcoming Events:

Pancake Breakfast: Feb. 21st. in KH 239 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.. Tickets are \$5 each in advance or \$6 at the door. You can get your ticket either from a CFFA member or in the Ag Office. To have your breakfast delivered, you can call: (309)333-7049. For further information or questions, contact Kylee Johnston at kn-johnston@wiu.edu.

Quiz Bowl: Alpha Zeta is hosting a Quiz Bowl on March 7, \$10 per team of four.

Bull Test Sale: Mar. 9th at the Livestock Center starting at 7pm. Sigma Alpha will be selling concessions.

Ag Open House: Mar. 23 at the Livestock Center, club representatives need to be out there by 8:45.

The Equestrian Experience: Mar. 24th at the Livestock Center from 10-3 pm. There will be horse rides, food, crafts, games, vendors, demos, raffle baskets, and a petting zoo!

Ag Banquet: April 18th at the Forum.



Club Information:

- **Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR):** Meets every Monday night at 6 pm at the AGR house.
- **Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS):** Meets every Monday night at 7 pm at the AGS house.
- **Alpha Zeta:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday in KH 152 at 5:30 pm.
- **Ag Business:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in KH 307 at 6 pm.
- **Ag Council:** Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in KH 152 at 5 pm.
- **Ag Mech:** Meets the 1st & 4th Thursday of each month in Ag Mech Shop at 5:00.
- **Agronomy:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month in KH 226 at 5 pm.
- **Ag-Vocators:** Meets every Tuesday in KH 152 at 7 am.
- **Collegiate Farm Bureau (CFB):** Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month in KH 152 at 6 pm.
- **CFFA/PAS/AGED:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in KH 152 at 5:30 pm.
- **Equestrian Club:** Meets every Wednesday in the Keeney Room at the Rec at 6 pm.
- **Forestry:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in KH 201 at 3 pm.
- **Hoof-n- Horn:** Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livestock Center at 6:30 pm.
- **Horticulture:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in KH 307 at 5 pm.
- **Sigma Alpha:** Meets every Monday in KH 152 at 5:30 pm.

Beef Sticks for sale!

Do you ever get hungry in the middle of class and find it hard to see how you will make it through the rest of your day? Well the ladies of Sigma Alpha have just the thing for you! The sorority is selling individually packaged beef sticks this semester for a fundraiser. They are a \$1 per stick and come in a variety of flavors: original, teriyaki, ranch, etc. The sticks are available in the Ag Office (KH145) or in Jana's office (KHB21), get them while supplies last!





Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Kevin Bacon!

Dr. Bacon is originally from West Plains, MO. He received his B.A. and Masters in AgEd from the University of MO, Columbia. From there he taught high school ag for a short period of time before going on to get his PhD in AgEcon from Oklahoma State University. Before coming to WIU in 2002, Dr. Bacon worked for 7 1/2 years at the University of Central MO, and two years in Washington D.C. working with grants and contracts for the USDA. At WIU Dr. Bacon is an Associate Professor of Agriculture with a focus in agribusiness and international ag. He also advises AGR and co-advises Ag Business Club. Throughout his career, Dr. Bacon has found himself teaching classes, anywhere from eighth grade earth science to PhD level finance courses. Dr. Bacon and his wife have two young daughters, Maylin (13) and Kaili (10 1/2). In his free time Dr. Bacon enjoys reading and watching movies, preferably non-animated ones. He also enjoys traveling, he has traveled to five continents and over 20 countries!



Scholarships:

ILLINOIS PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS--
Numerous Scholarships available at <http://ilpork.com/about/pork-youth>

ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION--
Application available at ilsheriff.org

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION --
Ten \$2000 Scholarships, available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IPSA-2018-Scholarships>



Internships/Employment

The Louisa County Soil & Water Conservation District

Position Title: Conservation Internship

Employment Term: 480 hours (approximately 12 weeks)

Education/Qualification: Must be enrolled in college or a recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, environmental science, conservation, or natural resources.

Opening Date: January 29, 2018

Closing Date: February 23, 2018

Wage: \$12/hr. No holidays, vacation or benefits included.

Description of Duties:

- Conduct Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) field reviews
- Soil health promotion activities
- Assist with conservation practices survey and layout
- Other duties may be required and assigned as deemed appropriate by the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners

Skills & Abilities: The employee must be able to drive and have a valid driver's license.

Knowledge of plants, soils and map reading is beneficial. Must have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Ability to walk through tough terrain and carry equipment.

Contact: Send resumes by mail or email to:

Louisa County SWCD

260 Mulberry St., Ste 2

Wapello IA 52653

Email: jamie.grimes@ia.nacdnet.net

The Des Moines County Soil & Water Conservation District

Position Title: Conservation Internship

Employment Term: 480 hours (approximately 12 weeks)

Education/Qualification: Must be enrolled in college or a recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, environmental science, conservation, or natural resources.

Opening Date: January 29, 2018

Closing Date: February 23, 2018

Wage: \$12/hr. No holidays, vacation or benefits included.

Description of Duties:

- Conduct Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) field reviews
- Organize/plan the annual fair display
- Assist with conservation practices survey and layout
- Other duties may be required and assigned as deemed appropriate by the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners

Skills & Abilities: The employee must be able to drive and have a valid driver's license.

Knowledge of plants, soils and map reading is beneficial. Must have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Ability to walk through tough terrain and carry equipment.

Contact: Send resumes by mail or email to:

Des Moines County SWCD

3625 Flint Ridge Drive

Burlington, IA 52655

Email: jamie.grimes@ia.nacdnet.net

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CropSmith Inc. is opening an exciting opportunity for individuals who are looking for an internship in the fields of agricultural research and nitrogen management.

The perfect candidate will have strong organizational skills, be dependable, possess a strong work ethic, and be excited about opportunities to learn. CropSmith and its employees value education and regularly discuss new research, nutrient tests, agricultural concepts and practices, and welcome new ideas.

If you are interested in an internship with CropSmith please send your contact information, resume, and a short essay (less than 1 page) on what your goals and interest are as they relate to the agriculture industry to Tim Smith at TSmith@cropsmith.com and be excited to join a progressive team in nitrogen management and agricultural research.

Forestry Internship

Application available at <http://www.parkridge.us/government/employment.aspx>

Submit Application for Employment and resume to Kim Hodge, HR Generalist, via email at humanresources@parkridge.us or by U.S. Mail:

City of Park Ridge

Attn: Human Resources

505 Butler Place

Park Ridge, IL 60068

Lewis Seed Farms

Lewis Seed Farms, a growing agribusiness in Ursa, IL , is seeking a Production Coordinator to assist with planning, administration, and reporting of seed processing, treating, and packaging operations. Send a letter of interest and resume to hr@lewisseedfarms.com or Lewis Seed Farms, 530 West Maple Ave., Ursa, IL 62376. EOE.

Anchor Acceptance Corp. - Wilson Trailer Co.

The job we currently have open is a "Sales Trainee" position that would be based out of Sioux City, IA. In this position the applicant would be responsible for learning about the different trailers that Wilson makes and also learning about other competitor trailers as well. Once they have become familiar with this, they will then be responsible for selling used trailers to potential customers throughout the country. This is a great opportunity for anyone that has a passion for agriculture and that are wanting to get a start in the sales world. If you have any questions please let me know.

Please send resumes to: dillon.martenson@wilsontrailer.com

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<http://www.agcareers.com/newsletters/AgCareers.com-Electronic-Internship-Flyer.htm>



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AgCareers.com is excited to bring you internship opportunities currently available from our valued partners! Simply click on the corresponding link with each company overview and you'll be directed to a listing of current opportunities from that company. Within that list you'll find internship openings. Click the title to view the internship, then use 'Apply to This Position' to send your resume!



Wilbur-Ellis Company - Family owned and founded in 1921, Wilbur-Ellis Company is a leading international marketer and distributor of agricultural products, animal feed and specialty chemicals and ingredients. Their Agribusiness Division leads the industry in the distribution and marketing of crop protection, nutrition and fertilizer products.

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Tyson Foods - Tyson Foods, Inc. is one of the world's largest processors and marketers of chicken, beef and pork, the second-largest food production company in the Fortune 500 and a member of the S&P 500. The company produces a wide variety of protein-based and prepared food products and is the recognized market leader in the retail and foodservice markets it serves.

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CHS - CHS is a diversified energy, grains and foods company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives around the world. CHS supplies energy, crop nutrients, livestock feed, grain, food and food ingredients, along with business solutions, including insurance, financial and risk management services.

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DuPont - DuPont brings innovative science and solutions to meet the challenges faced by farmers today and into the future. In agriculture, succeeding for their customers means growing a healthy, marketable and profitable crop. For DuPont, it means something bigger: feeding the world sustainably.

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Smithfield Hog Production Division - Smithfield Hog Production Division is the livestock production subsidiary of Smithfield Foods, Inc. As the world's largest producer of pork products, they are committed to producing quality pork while protecting the environment and preserving family farms.

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Syngenta - As global demand for food and fuel continues to rise, Syngenta is dedicated to their purpose: Bringing plant potential to life. Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies with more than 25,000 employees in over 90 countries.

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Archer Daniels Midland Company - For more than a century, the people of Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM) have transformed crops into products that serve the vital needs of a growing world. Today, they're one of the world's largest agricultural processors and food ingredient providers, with more than 32,000 employees serving customers in more than 160 countries.

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CLAAS - CLAAS of America, Inc. is located within the "heart" of the corn and wheat belts of the Midwest. Home of the award winning LEXION combine, CLAAS also offers a wide variety of technologically innovative haytool, baler and self-propelled forage harvester products to provide farmers optimum performance in the field.

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Ag Internship Summer 2018



Expand networks and gain professional agricultural experience in the operation and management of agricultural businesses, public agencies, or private agencies. Earn college credit as you enhance your preparation for a career in agriculture.

Mandatory Informational Meetings

You will need to plan to attend **One (1)** session:

Thursday, March 1 - 12:00 pm or
Monday, March 5 - 3:00 pm or
Wednesday, March 7 - 7:00 am

All meetings will be in Knoblauch 307

The purpose of this meeting is to explain the requirements and protocol. You will need to have earned 54 hours by the end of Spring 2018 and have a 2.25 cumulative and major GPA to apply.

Bring your internship manual!

<http://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/internships/>

Faculty Supervisor:
Dr. Shelby Henning
Knoblauch Hall B12
309-298-1089
S-Henning@wiu.edu

If you are interested in getting credit for your Summer 2018 Internship (AGRI 301), you will need to plan to attend one of the following Internship Meetings listed above.

All meetings will be held in KH 307.

To be eligible you must have at least 54 hours completed and have a 2.25 overall and major GPA. If you have questions, please let either Dr. Henning or Ember know.