

# AGGIE 'NECK NEWS

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## Spaghetti Luncheon

The WIU AgVocator team is hosting a spaghetti luncheon to raise funds for a fellow Aggie, Karissa Graves and her mother whom is battling cancer. Tickets will be \$5 and includes: spaghetti, bread, dessert, and a drink! A Go Fund Me page has been created, and if you feel so inclined to donate the link is: [bit.ly/KGraves18](https://bit.ly/KGraves18) T-shirts are also for sale. See the design and order at [bit.ly/NeckUpShirts](https://bit.ly/NeckUpShirts)

THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE  
PRESENTS

# 'NECK UP SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

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03.05.2018 • 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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At Knoblauch Hall in Room 239.  
Bring your friends, family, and all  
fellow Leathernecks!!

Please purchase tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased in the  
ag office in Knoblauch Hall 145 or by emailing  
ba-livingston@wiu.edu. Forget a ticket? No problem just come  
on in and buy a spaghetti lunch for the same price of \$5!

## **One Leatherneck. One Family.**

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One of our own Karissa Graves, a fellow Aggie is going through struggles of her own. Her mother is fighting her own battle, one against cancer. All proceeds from this event will go to help the Graves family in their fight. Please join us to help a fellow Leatherneck and her family.



# Upcoming Events:

**Spaghetti Luncheon:** Ag Vocators are hosting this lunch to raise money for Karissa Graves' family. The event will be March 5 from 11-2 pm in KH 239, tickets are \$5 in advance and at the door. Purchase tickets from an Ag Vocator or in the Ag office.

**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 am.

**Hoof N Horn Jackpot Show:** Mar. 24 at the Roseville Fairgrounds.

**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 \$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!



## School of Agriculture Polos

The Collegiate FFA/PAS/Ag Ed Club is selling Professional Polos to the student body of the WIU School of Agriculture. Order forms are located in the Ag Office and you can turn the forms and your money into Megan. Deadline for polo orders is **March 2nd.**





# Lambing Season Success







## **Staff Spotlight: Meet Mr. Paul Blome!**

Mr. Blome is originally from Palatine which is a suburb of Chicago. He received his Bachelor's in Forestry from the University of Montana and his Masters in Urban Forestry from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Before coming to WIU in the fall of 2011, Mr. Blome worked as a salesman and was a certified arborist at Autumn Tree Care. Currently he is the Farm Coordinator and Urban Forestry Instructor for WIU. Also, he is a Master Arborist and is advisor for the Forestry Club. With the club as a group they help protect the Elm trees in Macomb by treating them for Emerald Ash Borer and the club also donates money to the WIU campus to go towards protecting some of the ash trees. Mr. Blome and his wife have seven children ranging from the ages of 7 to 25, so most of his free time is spent with them. Mr. Blome also enjoys fishing and is on the Tree Advisory Committee on campus and also is part of the IL Arborist Association.



## **Scholarships:**

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

**ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION--**  
Application available at [ilsheriff.org](http://ilsheriff.org)

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





# *Internships/Employment*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dillon.martenson@wilsontrailer.com)



# Internships/Employment

## Student Employment Opportunity

Part-time with Flexible hours on modern and technological savvy farming operation with cattle, grain and silage. Wages and housing available. Also have intern hours available if needed.

Blandinsville/La Harpe area, 30 min from Macomb.

Must like working with Cattle, be willing to learn and have reliable transportation.

**If interested contact:** Cass DeJaynes, Squirrel Ridge Travel, KHM Travel Group, cell 309-333-8519



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## JOB POST

Sangamon County Farm Bureau plans to fill a vacancy for the position of *Assistant Manager/ Communications Specialist*.

**Description of Sangamon County:** The Sangamon County Farm Bureau has a total combined membership of +/-9500 members of which 1500 are farmer members. It has the unique attraction of being located in the capital city of the state having over 117,000 residents and being the seat of the state government. It also boasts a rich history as the home of Abraham Lincoln.

### GUIDELINES FOR THIS VACANCY

**Background:** Prefer a candidate with exceptional graphic design and communication skills to develop news releases, marketing materials, maintain and update social media outlets (primarily Facebook & Twitter), write and layout multiple periodical publications, handle committee correspondence, motivate volunteers, and act as an information source. Must possess interpersonal skills to work extensively with all Farm Bureau Committees, specifically Women's, Young Leaders, and Member/Public Relations Committees. Candidates should possess a strong set of graphic design skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, the ability to prioritize project deadlines, and have a detail-oriented personality. Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, web management (Weebly is used currently) and Adobe InDesign strongly preferred.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree. Prefer a major in agriculture, communications, graphic design, and/or a strong agricultural background.

**Salary:** A competitive salary is offered. Further details are available from the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Manager at (217) 753-5202.

**Benefits:** Retirement Plan, Long Term Disability, Group Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, Group Life Insurance Plan, and 401k once qualified.

**Travel:** Business miles - IRS rate in county and out of county with a supporting monthly log.

**Vacation:** Starting at two weeks. Increasing with years of service.

**Performance Appraisal:** Candidate will be reviewed six months following initial employment and annually thereafter.

**Applications:** Interested individuals should submit a letter of application, a current resume and three references to Jim Birge, Sangamon County Farm Bureau, 2631 Beechler Ct, Springfield, IL 62703. All applications to be considered must be received by Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.



# 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.