

AGGIE 'NECK NEWS

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Don't Forget the Spaghetti Luncheon Today!

The WIU AgVocator team is hosting a spaghetti luncheon to raise funds for a fellow Aggie, Karissa Graves who recently lost her mother to 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

THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
PRESENTS

'NECK UP SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

03.05.2018 • 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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.

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 in KH 152 at 5:30 pm, \$10 per team of four. Snacks and drinks will be provided and there is a CASH prize for 1st and 2nd place! If you have any questions contact Michael Houston at (217) 617-2043 or mj-houston@wiu.edu.

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.

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), in Jana's office (KHB21), or by the elevators on the first floor of KH.



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.





Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Dan Atherton!

Dr. Atherton is originally from Thomson, IL, but currently resides in Avon, IL. Dr. Atherton came to WIU in 2015, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Agriculture, and is currently in charge of two minors. Dr. Atherton also co-advises the Ag Mech Club. He earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural Sciences and an M.S. in Computer Science, both from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIU), an MBA from Bradley University in Peoria, and a B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from WIU. Atherton previously worked as a Systems Analyst in the Factory Systems Group at the Caterpillar Mossville Engine Center, then as a Systems Engineer within the On-Highway Truck Software Group of CAT Electronics, then as a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt within the Remanufacturing Division of Caterpillar at Mossville, IL. Dr. Atherton and his wife have two daughters, and in his free time he enjoys spending time with his family and fishing. Currently, Dr. Atherto is the division head for the ag portion of the Illinois State Academy of Science, where he has taken students to compete at for the past couple years.



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

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@lewissseedfarms.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

Land Laboratory Manager - Joliet Junior College

Interested in joining the Joliet Junior College Agriculture/Horticulture Department? We are hiring a new Land Laboratory Manager. The position involves the design and implementation of educational activities on our campus land lab as well as departmental outreach and recruitment. Salary starts at \$55,000 per year plus a great benefit package. A full job description is attached and find the application here: <https://employment.jjc.edu/postings/2642>

Brad Angus

Professor and Department Chairperson

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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 9th.

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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
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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.