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WIU Livestock Legacy Sale



The Livestock Legacy Sale is organized by the Ag Merchandising class and all proceeds from the sale go back into the Animal Science program at WIU. All items in the sale are donated by WIU Alums or by firms in the industry.

Currently there are over 100 items on the line up and there is something for everyone! This event is hosted by the Willoughby Online Sale Site and will go live at 7 a.m. on Tuesday April 17th.

Check out the sale's line up at:
bit.ly/WIULLS18

Remember to bid high and bid often!

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY *Livestock Legacy Sale*

WILLOUGHBY
SALES

April 17th

Organized By:

WIU's Livestock
Merchandising
class

All Proceeds

will help fund the
future wiu animal
science program
improvements

Thank you

to all of our
gracious donors
and supporters

To contribute donations to the legacy sale, or if you have any further inquiries, please contact our sale representatives below:

Mark Hoge

(309) 255-2735

Olivia Claire

815-838-8040



WESTERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY

BAGS TOURNAMENT

PRESENT BY: SIGMA ALPHA



MAY 3, 2018

6:00 P.M.

AT THE LIVESTOCK CENTER

2 PEOPLE PER TEAM

\$10 DUE DAY OF EVENT

[HTTP://BIT.LY/EABAGTOURNEY](http://bit.ly/eabagtourney)

**** \$100 CASH PRIZE ****

MEAL PROVIDED FOR \$5

HAMBURGER/CHEESEBURGER OR
HOT DOG, CHIPS, DRINK, DESSERT

Upcoming Events:

Hoof N Horn: Hog Show May 19th at Springfield, and Sheep Show May 13th at WIU.

Ag Olympics: April 17th at 5pm in the Livestock Center. \$10 per team. Winning team receives \$50, 2nd \$35, and 3rd \$10.

Ag Banquet: April 18th at the Forum. Tickets will be \$20 per person and are available in the Ag Office.

AGR: Golf outing on April 21st.

AGS: Golf outing on April 28th.

Sigma Alpha: Bags Tournament on May 3rd at the Livestock Center. The cost is \$10 per team. The winning team will receive \$100! A meal of a burger or hot dog, chips, and dessert will also be available for purchase. Even if you aren't competing, come to the LC for a fun night! If interested please contact Becca Wegs at rd-wegs@wiu.edu.



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. Mark Bernards!

Dr. Mark Bernards grew up in the town of Spanish Fork, Utah, which was strongly influenced by ag. His interest in plants was inspired by his father who always grew a large garden and had many fruit trees. Dr. Bernards earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agronomy from Brigham Young University and Ph.D in Crop and Soil Sciences from Michigan State University. After college his first permanent job was as the "Irrigated Weed Specialist" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his title was later changed to Extension Weed Specialist. Dr. Bernards started at WIU on June 20, 2011 as an Associate Professor of Agronomy. At WIU he also advises the Agronomy Club, coaches the Weeds Team, as well as manages the agronomy operations at the AFL and Kerr farms. Each year he conducts 25-30 research protocols and also put out 8-10 protocols that are used for teaching labs in the fall semester. Dr. Bernards thoroughly enjoys teaching and working with WIU students and the relationships that are built as they learn together. In his free time, Dr. Bernards enjoys spending time with his wife Alysson, who is an excellent soccer coach, and their five children. He also enjoys working on projects around the home and yard as well as playing the piano and organ. Dr. Bernards is also very involved with his church congregation by being an active scout leader, playing the organ for worship twice a month, and giving a sermon once a month.



Scholarships:

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION --

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

McDonough County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships

<http://www.mcdonoughcountymfarmbureau.org/local-scholarships/>

"Excellence in Ag" -- Feed Energy

Two \$2500 scholarships. Due May 7th.

<http://www.feedenergy.com/resource-center/for-students/>

IL CORN GROWERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMAN --

Two \$1,000 Scholarships for woman. Post marked June 1st.

<https://www.ilcorn.org/news-and-media/today-s-news/article/2018/04/scholarships-available-for-women>

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

HELP WANTED

Local farmer is seeking assistance with spring planting. If interested, contact Larry Serven at 309-255-8339.

AEROTEK

Paid summer work opportunity with large agriculture company in Monmouth, IL! Aerotek is now hiring for 20+ Agriculture Research Associate roles. Get your foot in the door at Monsanto this summer, learn and earn! Must have a strong willingness to learn and a passion for agriculture. Pays \$11/hr and has day shift opportunities.

If interested contact: Megan O'Dell, (309)661-4928 or at modell@aerotek.com

ENGLAND FARMS INC

Maquon, IL (southeast of Galesburg, IL)

Background of company: Family owned and operated, 2,200 acre no-till crop farm. Farrow to Finish swine operation. Fulltime position. Farming experience required. Livestock experience preferred. Mechanic experience preferred. Must be reliable and Willing to work a flexible schedule.

Please send Resume and References: Dan England, dsengland@mymctc.net

Job Announcement---2018

Ash Grove Farm, Hampton, Iowa is hiring a

Farming Assistant / Intern

for our organic grain, forage and livestock farm

Farm and Location: Ash Grove Farm, Hampton, Iowa (95 miles north of Des Moines, IA, 170 miles south of Minneapolis, MN)

Description: We are looking for a hardworking, creative, farm assistant/employee that can help us grow our business. We are interested in hiring a young person who wants to farm independently in the future, but realizes the need to further develop their skills, first. We desire a working relationship with our assistant/intern of one or more years, both to benefit us and allow us more time to positively influence and share information with a future farmer. Our farm enterprises are corn, soybeans, small grains, hay, and beef cattle. We are certified organic, use long-term rotations, cover crops, managed grazing, ridge tillage, and no-till. We sell organic grain to wholesale buyers. Organic seed soybeans, oats, rye, hairy vetch and an occasional buckwheat crop are contracted with seed companies. Hay is not sold, but fed on the farm. Calves are sold through commodity markets or directly to other farmers for finishing.

Terms and Compensation: Full-time hourly employee, 40+ hours per week. Annual compensation range of \$35,000 to \$38,000 depending on experience and hours worked. A stipend will also be provided for health insurance. Housing may be available for the right candidate. In addition to the hourly wage, compensation will include a percentage of the calf crop each year. Other benefits include meat, eggs, and space for a garden for the employee and their immediate family.

Work Activities:

Main work activities will focus on the cropping operation. The cattle herd is a secondary enterprise.

- field work – tillage, planting, weed control, harvesting, etc.;
- machinery repair and maintenance;
- new building and building repairs;
- assistance with field map generation from yield monitor and GPS data.
- cattle handling and implementation of grazing plan;
- pasture management--brush clearing, fence repair, and new fence construction;

Minimum qualifications: Valid drivers' license, willingness to work outside in almost all weather, able to lift seed and feed bags (50#). Preference given for commitment of a minimum two years.

Skills desired: Enthusiasm for agriculture, sustainability, and business. Experience with machinery; prefer experience with livestock; ability to work more than 40 hours per week, as needed.

Start Date (approx.): April 10 or until filled, 2018

Contact and submit resume via email to: Doug Alert ashgrove@wmtel.net and Margaret Smith mrgsmith@iastate.edu

MIX 30

THE HIGH ENERGY LIQUID FEED.

Located in Springfield, Illinois

MIX 30 *Summer Internship*

The Mix 30 Liquid Feed summer internship offers students across the U.S. the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in livestock nutrition and feed sales. Our intern program covers the months of May through August with potential employment.

What is Mix 30 Liquid Feed?

MIX 30 is an economical, high energy protein supplement designed for use in both grain or forage based ruminant diets. MIX 30 is manufactured from a variety of corn/soy by-products and is formulated to provide an ideal combination of nutrients, promoting enhanced rumen function.

MIX 30 is manufactured at 9 different facilities scattered across the United States.

How will being a Mix 30 intern benefit YOU?

- Provides you with the opportunity to develop your education with real world experiences.
- Allows you the chance to gain superior relationships with producers in the cattle industry.
- Helps build your skills in a professional environment.
- Allows you to gain knowledge in different facets of the industry from a cow/calf to feedlot operation.
- Gives you the opportunity to join a team that will allow you to obtain the skills it takes to brand, market and sell a high quality product.

What qualifies you to be a Mix 30 intern?

- Must be a junior or senior in college majoring in an Agriculture related degree.
- Must have an interest in working in a livestock related field after college.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office.
- Applicants must be self-motivated, detail oriented, professional and outgoing.
- Able to prioritize and plan out time-sensitive projects with different salesman. (During the length of the internship)
- Must be available to start upon school ending for the summer. The internship begins the first part of May and will end mid-August.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO AVARY@MIX30.COM

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CONTACT 800-575-7585 EXT. 206



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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 +/-9700 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 graphic design and communication skills to develop news releases, marketing materials, maintain and update social media outlets (primarily Facebook & Twitter), write and layout three 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, May 4th.