
AGGIE 'NECK NEWS

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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AGGIES



WIU AGGIES SENIOR SEND-OFF

All WIU Aggie Seniors and their families are invited...

Saturday, May 5 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

The Change of Pace.

Complimentary appetizers and cash bar

ALL proceeds go to helping the WIU Food Pantry alleviate food insecurity among WIU students!

TRIVIA

NIGHT – Tuesday May 1st

Presented by: Student Association

For Nutrition Education

Enjoy a night filled
with trivia, laughter,
good friends, and
PRIZES!

***Food will be available
for purchase!***

Knoblauch - Rm 239
Begins - 6:00 pm
Reservations:
Contact – Anthony
White
Ar-white@wiu.edu
563-340-1571

***All proceeds
will be
donated to the
WIU Food
Pantry***

**\$5 per person or
\$30 - Team of 6**

***Only 10 tables
available - Make
reservations early!***

**Each non-expired,
non-perishable food
item brought =
1 ticket for a *Door*
*Prize Drawing***
10 Cans = 10 Entries

Please contact Anthony White at 563-340-1517 OR ar-white@wiu.edu with any questions or to make a reservation!

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:

Trivia Night: Tuesday May 1st in room KH 239 at 6 pm. \$5 per person or \$30 per team of 6. Reserve your spot with Anthony White at ar-white@wiu.edu or 563-340-1571. All proceeds will be donated to the WIU Food Pantry!

Sigma Alpha: Bags Tournament on May 3rd at the Livestock Center. The cost is \$10 per team. 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.

Aggie Senior Send-Off: For all WIU Aggie Seniors and their families. Saturday May 5th from 6pm-9pm at the Change of Pace. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar.

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



Livermore Swine Genetics is looking for a dedicated, hard working livestock enthusiast to fill our new intern position. The ideal candidate would have a strong working knowledge in the livestock industry, specifically, but not limited to swine.

Daily tasks would include the following:

- Daily chores
- Farrowing duties
- Vaccinations of pigs
- Cleaning pens
- Getting show pigs ready for shows
 - walking
 - washing/rinsing
 - feeding when needed

*Also, those who are familiar with our operations knows we farm 1,500 acres. There is only so much time in a day, so we tend to scatter about and work on specific tasks alone. Livestock is our main focus, but there is still grass that will need mowed, and ground that needs worked. We have a busy summer show schedule, and we will need some who we can trust to stay home and maintain the show pigs, and group of sows while we are away. Room and board is an option if requested. We look to fill the position Mid-May. If you think you'd be a good fit, or know someone who would be feel free to pass along our contact information.

John Sr. (309)221-2411
John Jr. (309)221-5320
Jennifer (309)221-0538



Staff Spotlight: Meet Maggie Eberley!

Hello Aggies! My name is Maggie, and I am originally from Trivoli, IL. I transferred to WIU in the fall of 2016 from Illinois Central College in East Peoria, IL. Currently I am a senior, set to graduate in May, majoring in Agriculture with an emphasis in business and a minor in agronomy. Since coming to WIU I have been as involved in as many things as possible. I have served as the Collegiate Farm Bureau President, Vice President of the College of Business and Technology, and Secretary of the Ag Business Club. I am also a proud member of Sigma Alpha, the Agronomy Club, and an Ag Vocator. I have had the privilege being the student working in the Ag Office, which also means I have had the privilege of producing this weekly newsletter. I hope you all have enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I enjoyed making it! My plans for the future are still to be determined, but there is one thing that I do know. It is always a great day to be a Leatherneck!



Scholarships:

Dr. Jerry Vigue Scholarship

One \$750 scholarship, due May 1st.

<http://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/documents/scholarships/vigue-2014.pdf>

GROWMARK SCHOLARSHIP

Three \$1,000 awards to agriculture majors who are junior or senior level students. Due May 1st.

<http://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/documents/scholarships/growmark-2014.pdf>

"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

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

MASCHHOFFS

Beardstown, IL

They wants part time worker this summer and next year. It's working in a commercial swine barn, hours are really flexible. It's a good job to have your resume and they are really wanting to make a connection with WIU.

If interested contact Jayme Geisler at jp-geisler@wiu.edu

HELP WANTED

Help needed with work that includes fence repair & maintaining, daily work with cattle, processing cattle as needed, timber cleanup and anything else that comes up on the farm! Weekly 20-40 hours and are flexible with pay depending on experience.

Contact Kim Bush if interested at 309-252-0090.

Farm help wanted

Full or part time, farm experience, driving a tractor, CDL preferred, but not required. **Call Rick Ferguson** - 309-255-0132



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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.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

STUDENT EMPLOYEE JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Student Assistant

Class Code: 1010

Job Level (Choose One)

- Level I - Basic Level (Wage Range \$8.25 - \$8.65)
- Level II - Intermediate Level (Wage Range \$8.70 - \$9.10)
- Level III - Advanced Level (Wage Range \$9.15 - \$9.50)
- Level IV - Special Wage Level (Wage Range over \$9.50 approved by Dean or V.P.)
- Level V - Salaried
- Level VI - Student Extra Help

Department: Agriculture

Work Department Account #: 120000

Function: To assist office staff as needed.

Duties and Responsibilities: To perform routine office duties as copying, filing, answering phone, delivering items across campus, and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications required for the job: Knowledge of office procedures.

Work Schedule: Student may work a maximum 10-15 hours per week while school is in session.

To apply please submit resume, cover letter and anticipated class schedule.

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SINCE 1848

CUSTOM PRODUCT SPECIALIST

Responsible for interpreting customer specifications and drawings, marking up specifications, gathering costs, quotation content, pricing and any pre-order project management based on customer request. Work with multiple departments for cost sourcing and product design. Provide excellent customer service by handling customer concerns/questions, understanding production capabilities, having extensive product knowledge, and returning quotations in a timely manner.

- Ability to attain extensive Knapheide product knowledge as well as knowledge of auxiliary equipment used in the custom application.
- A 4-year college degree is preferred but a combination of technical training and work related experience will be considered.
- Must have a mechanical aptitude.
- Ability to make independent decisions while at the same time, functioning in a team environment.
- Excellent verbal and written skills are required.
- An understanding of fabrication and assembly processes is helpful.
- Must have ability to work extended hours as needed to meet customer needs.
- Proficient using Microsoft Office Products including Word and Excel.
- Must have strong communication skills.

The Knapheide Manufacturing Company offers a competitive compensation and benefits package that includes access to free medical care at The Knapheide Family Wellness Center as well as medical, life, dental, and long-term disability insurance, a 401K savings program, and retirement benefit.

If you meet the requirements of the position, please submit a resume to: hrknapheide@knapheide.com or Human Resources,

**The Knapheide Manufacturing Company,
PO Box 7140, Quincy, Illinois 62305.
EOE of Minorities/Females/Vets/Disability**

WIU Agricultural Farm Position

WIU Agricultural Farm

Job title	<i>Student Livestock Farm Workers</i>
Reports to	<i>WIU Farm Coordinator</i>

Job purpose

Student Livestock Farm Workers will assist university farm staff in all areas of farm operation including livestock care, breeding and record keeping, building, grounds, and equipment operation & maintenance, as well as special projects. Student workers get opportunities to learn and become proficient at new skills and equipment. Student workers must complete chores on weekends and holidays.

Duties

Duties:

- Feed & water livestock
- Recognize when livestock are not healthy and bring to attention of farm staff
- Mowing and upkeep of farm grounds
- Monitoring all buildings, barns, and fences for repairs and safety
- Cleaning of livestock pens and activity centers
- Assist on special projects as directed by supervisors
- Drive trucks & tractors with trailers
- Safely operate push mowers, pull-behind mowers, string trimmers, and chainsaws
- Use of agricultural hand tools proficiently (Shovels, forks, rakes, brooms, hammers, drills, wrenches, etc.)
- Occasionally operate skid steer and loader tractor (under direct supervision of experienced staff operator)

WIU Agricultural Farm Continued

WIU Agricultural Farm

Qualifications

Required:

- Student Workers must be enrolled in summer class(es) at WIU or registered for classes in the upcoming fall semester.
- Valid Driver's License and satisfactory driving record
- Reliable
- Punctual
- Available to work on weekends and holidays (Memorial Day 5/28/18, and Independence Day 7/4)
- Fluent in English language
- Ability to lift 50lbs

Desired:

- Positive attitude
- Hard working
- Work as part of a team and/or on independent tasks
- Previous agricultural experience with livestock
- Ability to operate farm equipment

Contact Information

To schedule an interview, please submit a resume to Paul Blome, WIU Farm Coordinator via e-mail or submit a hard-copy in the WIU Ag office (Knoblauch room 145)

Thank you,

Paul Blome

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