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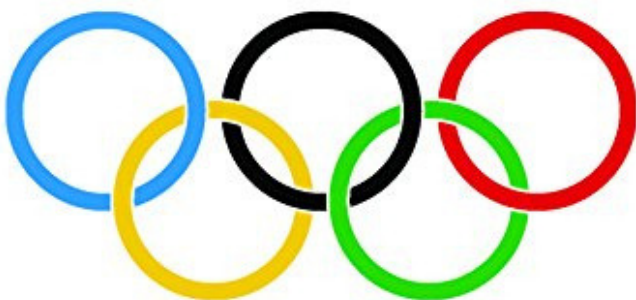
Announcements, Upcoming Events, Club Information, Staff Spotlight, Scholarship and Employment Opportunities.

Date: April 17th, 2018

Location: Livestock Center

Time: 5:00 pm

Contact Cori Sargent if you have questions at: cn-sargent@wiu.edu



Register your team at: <https://bit.ly/2JkB4PJ>

WIU Ag Olympics

All Ag clubs and organizations are welcome. Entry fee is \$20 per team of 4, this does include dinner. You are more than welcome to bring more than one team. Prize will be awarded to the top three places: First (\$50), Second (\$35), and Third (\$20). Also please wear clothing that can get dirty as we will have a fun and messy relay race! Come participate or to cheer your fellow aggies on!

We ask that you please bring your checkbooks for the pie eating auction that helps support the WIU Ag Department. There will be 10 pies available for the auction.

T-Shirt order forms are in the Ag Office and need to be turned in and paid for by 1 pm on Wed. April 11th.

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.

CFFA/Horticulture Club: Hort FFA Contest is April 11th. If interested in helping, please contact Stephanie Miller at sm-miller5@wiu.edu.

CFFA: District 3 Public Speaking CDE on April 10, Ag Mech CDE is on April 11th, help is needed. If interested please contact Mariana Roberts at mk-roberts@wiu.edu.

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.

Congratulations to

Grant Reed and Madison Lynn,
SGA President and Vice President





Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Joel Gruver!

Dr. Joel Gruver grew up on a small diversified farm (affectionately known as Gruverland) north of Baltimore, MD. He received his BS in Chemistry from Principia College in Elsah, IL, his MS in Agronomy from the University of Maryland in College Park, MD, and a PhD in Soil Science from the North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. Most of Dr. Gruver's professional activities have involved farming and teaching. He managed 2 vegetable farms and was a visiting professor before finding his home at WIU in the spring of 2007. He currently is an Associate Professor of Soil Science and Sustainable Agriculture, as well as Director of the WIU Organic Research Program. He conducts applied research related to cover crops and organic grain production. In his free time, Dr. Gruver enjoys running, gardening, nature photography, and community service activities mostly related to environmental stewardship. Dr. Gruver is currently President of the Macomb Community Garden and Treasurer of the Environmentally Concerned Citizens (ECC) of Macomb. Dr. Gruver also is an avid public speaker, traveling across the United States 20-30 times per year speaking to diverse audiences about agricultural topics.



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/>



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



Tree Care Apprentice

If you appreciate trees and enjoy combining physical and mental work as a member of a team in an outdoor setting, this position could be for you. We are looking to hire students and graduates from your school to begin careers in the exciting field of arboriculture and would love the opportunity to speak with you about the possibility of joining our company to become an arborist.

An arborist is someone trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, maintaining, and removing individual trees much like a doctor cares for individual patients. Some positions such as those involving diagnosis and treatment keep you on the ground while other positions like those involving pruning and removal work require you to climb trees up to 100' in the air. No one day is the same as another. No tree is the same as another. No issue is exactly the same as another.

Skip the gym and the cubicle and give arboriculture a shot.

Ideal candidates for this position will meet the following qualifications:

- Physically fit and athletic.
- Willing and able to work 8-10 hr. days in adverse weather conditions when necessary.
- Smart, creative, collaborative, and supportive.
- Motivated to learn, advance, achieve goals, and contribute to a team.
- Interest in trees, working hard, being outdoors, climbing, physics, biology, chemistry, engineering, problem solving, and art.
- ISA Certified Arborist
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or ability to obtain one quickly.
- College degree (any major although major in field related to arboriculture is ideal).

Wage & Benefits:

- \$15 - \$20/Hr. introductory wage depending on skills, experience, credentials, resume, references, etc.
- Holiday & Vacation pay
- Continuing education (in-house, seminars, conferences, competitions, etc.)
- Relocation assistance
- Monthly medical insurance reimbursement
- SIMPLE IRA with company match
- Profit sharing

Ann Arbor is a fun town and a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We have an excellent team and a fun-loving, growth-oriented culture. To learn more about who we are and what we do, call us at **734-786-1688** or check us out on our website at www.GuardianTreeExperts.com. Email resumes and inquiries to bethany@guardiantreeexperts.com.

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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