

Aggie 'Neck News

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- 12/5: 2nd Director's Round Table Discussion

Club News

- Ag Council:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 5pm, KH 152
- Ag Mech:** 2nd Wed, 5pm, Ag Shop
- Ag Vocators:** Tues, 7am, KH 152
- Agribusiness:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 6pm, KH 308
- Agronomy:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 5pm, KH 226
- Alpha Gamma Rho:** Mon, 5:30pm, AGR House
- Alpha Gamma Sigma:** Mon, 7pm, AGS House
- Alpha Zeta:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 5:30pm, KH 152
- CFFA/ PAS/ AG Ed:** 1st & 3rd Tue, 5pm, KH 152
- Collegiate Farm Bureau:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 6pm, KH 152
- Equestrian Club:** Wed, 6pm, Keeney Room (Rec Center)
- Forestry Club:** 2nd & 4th Thurs, 3pm, KH 201
- Hoof-n-Horn:** 3rd Thurs, 6:30pm, Livestock Center
- Horticulture:** 2nd & 4th Mon, 5pm, KH 226
- Sigma Alpha:** Mon, 5:30pm, KH 152

Director's Round Table

Dear Students:

I want to thank all of the students who participated in the 1st Director's Round Table Discussion that was held on Oct 31st. It was so successful, we will hold a 2nd Round Table Discussion on Dec 5th at 3:00 pm in KB 152.

We are listening and will work towards solving some of the issues that our students are facing. If you can not attend, please forward me your concerns to AJ-Baker@wiu.edu and I will bring it up for discussion at the next meeting. Thanks again for sharing!

-Dr. Baker, Director of School of Ag

WIU FORESTRY CLUB

Learn the Ropes for Tree Climbing

November 9th 2018 - Friday

Session 1 : 9 am to 11 am

Session 2 : 1 pm to 3 pm

Cost \$20.00 each person per session

Sign Up for 1 out of the 2 session times in the WIU Ag Office Knoblauch Hall Room 145

Area I : Rope Tying / PPE

Area II : Set Line for Climbing

Area III : Start Climbing

Accept Cash or Check
(write checks to WIU Forestry Club)

GUEST SPEAKER JENNY WEBB

MS. WEBB WILL BE TALKING ABOUT YOUNG LEADERS

WHEN: NOVEMBER 13TH:

WHERE: KNOBLAUCH 152

TIME: 6:00 P.M.



Sigma Alpha Fundraiser

Order By Nov. 12

Get them Nov. 16

\$8 a Dozen

TRIVIA NIGHT

hosted by: WIU CFFA

10 Different Categories



Baked Goods & Snacks

Contact Hannah Libby: (309)368-1033

or Cassie Perrin: (616)558-0169

With any questions!

\$10 A PERSON TO ENTER!

\$100 FIRST PRIZE & A T-SHIRT!

NOVEMBER 17TH- Elks Lodge

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE PRIZES

7 PM

TACO BAR & DRINK SPECIALS

401 S Deere Rd, Macomb

DOORS OPEN AT 6

STUFFED ANIMAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Sigma Alpha is hosting a stuffed animal drive for the children of Macomb. Stuffed animals that are collected will be distributed to local preschools, grade schools, hospitals, fire stations, and other locations.

COMPETE:

Bring in the largest number of stuffed animals! Label your donations with your name or organization and contact information. Please turn in donations by Wednesday, November 28th.

1st Prize: \$50

2nd Prize: \$25

Drop Off:
Knoblauch 145

Contact Gabe Cairncross with questions at gl-cairncross@wiu.edu



Employment Opportunities

****For more employment/internship opportunities, please check the bulletin board outside the ag office (KH 145)****

Winnebago-Boone AGRICULTURE in the ClassroomSM

Ag in the Classroom ♦ Adopt-a-Classroom ♦ Summer Ag Institutes
Summer Camps ♦ Farm Breakfast
Rockford City Market ♦ County Fairs and more!

WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU INTERNSHIP AGRICULTURAL FIELDS OF STUDY

Location: Rockford, Illinois

Dates: May-August 2019

Pre-requisites: Graduating high school senior or current college student, enrolled in a college/university for the upcoming semester studying Agriculture, Communications, Marketing, or Education

Requirements: Approximately of 25 hrs./week (days with occasional evenings and weekends)

Salary: \$10/hour

Responsibilities:

- Promote and facilitate Ag-in-the-Classroom and Consumer Education projects
- Assist with a week-long, graduate credit Summer Ag Institute for teachers.
- Assist with public relations efforts through social media, newsletters, press releases and other correspondence
- Coordinate County Fair activities with volunteer committees
- Assist with fundraising for the comprehensive Ag Ed program in Boone and Winnebago counties.
- Other duties as assigned

Contact: Ann Marie Cain, Manager at 815-962-0653 or email wfbmanager@live.com

Applications are available at www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org

Application Deadline is March 1st.

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau 1925 S Meridian Road Rockford, IL 61102 Phone: 815-962-0653
Fax: 815-962-0022 E-MAIL: wfbmanager@live.com www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org



AG Careers.com

Check out AGCareers.com for more internship and employment opportunities.

Home Nursery Inc.

NEED AN INTERNSHIP? WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE HORTICULTURE INDUSTRY?

HORTICULTURE INTERN WANTED

A hands on summer internship that allows students to personally experience every aspect of the nursery business.

EMAIL CHLOES@HOMENURSERY.COM TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION AND YOUR APPLICATION!

Internship: June 3rd - August 23rd
[Dates Negotiable Based on School Schedule]
We would love to have you join our team!

Info and app can also be found in your email from Megan

Looking for general farm help. Can operate or, willing to learn, older Case IH equipment. Tractor and grain cart or tillage equipment. Possibly combine. Older grain trucks. I'm pretty flexible on hours for the most part, because I already work alone most of the time. Would have weekend work. Would also have some occasional work throughout the winter and into spring, if someone is wanting to make extra money. If any questions just email or call:

Justin Daniels
309-221-9889
jdfarms12@gmail.com



Keller Farms is a large family-owned farming operation near Collinsville, Illinois and Charleston, Missouri. The farm produces a variety of grain and specialty crops such as horseradish and sweet corn. We take an aggressive approach to maintaining soil fertility, controlling weeds and insects, providing added plant nutrients, preparing seedbeds, cultivating, and harvesting to maximize commodity production.

Keller Farms is looking to hire an individual who is energetic and eager to join our expanding farming operation. This position is a full-time position offering a competitive benefits' package as well as offering room for advancement. This job will require, but not limited to, the following:

Agricultural Driver

Responsibilities:

- Must safely operate trucks with heavy loads
- Perform pre-trip and post-trip inspection - assuring the safety of the vehicle.
- Maneuvers truck into loading or unloading position as needed.
- Maintain accurate records of products carried, delivered or returned
- Perform general service and maintenance of equipment, trucks, and trailers
- Keep maintenance list/records updated
- Haul grain to an elevator or grain bin
- Operate farm equipment as needed
- Assist with other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Minimum of one-year truck driving experience
- Must hold a valid Class A-CDL
- Familiarity with farm equipment, such as augers and bins
- Must be responsible and professional at all times
- Previous experience in farming, agriculture, or related field preferred.
- Must be able to work in severe weather conditions; both heat and cold.
- Ability to work independently, as well as part of a team

Benefits:

- Health Insurance
- 401K with company match
- Vacation and Holiday pay
- Bonus/Profit sharing
- Uniforms



Open Grounds Keeper Position Starting Spring 2019

Shaw Creek Golf Course is actively looking for a groundskeeper position. The position maintains golf course and landscaping around the course, clubhouse and other club facilities, including parking lots. Grounds keeper performs routine manual labor involved in golf course maintenance; operates small hand powered equipment and performs work involving large equipment such as tractors, loaders and mowers. A commercial chemical license a plus. This position answers to the Board of Directors. Interested applicants should send resumes, references and contact information to:

shawcreekgolf@gmail.com



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Agricultural Mechanic

Responsibilities:

- Maintain and repair farm machinery and vehicles, such as tractors, harvesters, and irrigation systems.
- Watch gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly.
- Service equipment and/or vehicles to maintain functionality
- Reassemble machines and equipment following repair, testing operation, and adjusting as necessary.
- Drive work truck to haul tools and equipment for on-site repair or large machinery.
- Inspects equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.
- Disassemble and reassemble equipment for maintenance or repair.
- Record details of repairs made and parts used.

Requirements:

- Previous experience in farming, agriculture, or related field.
- Knowledge of Electrical, hydraulic, and mechanical system repairs and basic diagnosis
- Welding experience
- Valid driver's license

A Class-A CDL preferred, but not required.

Benefits:

- Health Insurance
- 401K with Company match
- Vacation and Holiday pay
- Bonus/Profit sharing
- Uniforms

**American Foods Group is looking for Summer Interns!!
Below are the opportunities we have available:**

**Quality Assurance Tech
Fresh Meat Sales
HRMS
Operations
End User Services
Infrastructure
Engineering
Supply Chain
Learning & Development**

**Apply online at
www.americanfoodsgroup.com/careers
or reach out to me via LinkedIn:**

**KATHY DERKS
HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST AT
AMERICAN FOODS GROUP**

Scholarship Opportunities

****For more info, please check the bulletin board****

**NCGA, BASF
Accepting
Applications for 2018
Ag Scholarships**



Applications must be submitted by Dec 1, 2018. The application is available here: <http://www.ncga.com/scholarships>

Midwest Ag Scholarship Foundation

Scholarship amount \$1,000
Please return completed application to the WIU Department of Agriculture office by Friday, December 7, 2018. No late applications will be accepted.

\$1,500 Scholarships Available

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation is offering \$1,500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors and college students of Farm Bureau members wanting to pursue a degree in a field of agriculture. The applications are available at the Farm Bureau office located at 1925 S Meridian Rd, Rockford or online. To qualify, the Farm Bureau membership must have been active for a year. The student must be pursuing an agricultural related degree (e.g. plant science, animal science, agricultural mechanics, agricultural business, environmental services, food sciences, natural resources and ag teachers). Students may receive the scholarship up to a maximum of four years.

Applications are now due February 1st.



Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship

Sponsored by CME Group & National Pork Industry Foundation



The National Pork Producers Council is pleased to announce the 2019 Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship, which is sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation and is managed and administered by the National Pork Producers Council.

The scholarship program was introduced in 1990 by CME Group and NPPC to celebrate the 25th anniversary of CME Hog Futures. The scholarship was renamed in 2006 to honor the passing of NPPC Board of Director Lois Britt, a lifetime supporter of agriculture, spent 34 years with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, finishing out her career for 15 years with Smithfield Hog Production doing Public and Government Relations. She was inducted into the NPPC Pork Industry Hall of Fame, the N.C. Pork Council Hall of Fame and awarded the N.C. 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award as some of her many achievements.

Ten \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to students annually who intend to pursue a career in the pork industry with hopes that they may emerge as future pork industry leaders themselves.

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be a current undergraduate student in a two-year swine program or four-year college of agriculture and a U.S. citizen. High school students are not eligible.
2. Write a brief letter indicating what role the applicant sees themselves playing in the pork industry after graduation.
3. Submit an essay of 750 words or less describing an issue the applicant sees confronting the pork industry today or in the future, including offering their solutions.
4. Obtain two letters of reference from current or former professors or industry professionals.
5. Prepare a cover sheet with the following information:
 - a. Name of Applicant
 - b. Name of School
 - c. Year in School
 - d. Contact Information (home & school mailing address, telephone number & e-mail address)

Please submit the items listed above online or via e-mail to the address listed below. All entries must be sent by **JANUARY 4, 2019** to be accepted.

Online Submissions:
www.nppc.org/programs/scholarships

E-mail Submissions:
info@nppc.org

Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity and expression, persuasiveness, originality and relevance of topic. Winners will be announced at the National Pork Industry Forum in Orlando, FL March 6 - 8, 2019. NPPC and CME Group reserve the right to publish any or all parts the essays submitted.

Please contact Rebecca Casey, NPPC Director of Industry Resource Development, with questions about the scholarship at (515) 645.9659 or caseyr@nppc.org.



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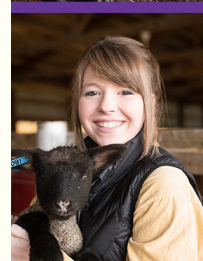
WIU AGRICULTURE OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 5, 2018 & MARCH 22, 2019

bitly.com/WIUOpenHouse18

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to our Leatherneck family? Invite them to Ag Open House! #RightHereAt Home

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If you have news that you want to be included in next week's Aggie 'Neck News or have questions about this issue, please email kl-graves@wiu.edu