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Ag Mech Show- Feb. 10 & 11

The 48th WIU Ag Mech Farm Expo is this weekend in Western Hall. The show is the largest student run farm expo in the nation and has a few new additions this year. According to Jana Knupp, Ag Mech co-advisor, "We are very excited to introduce Research Row, an area of the show dedicated to showcasing WIU agriculture faculty and student research. Not only will visitors be able to see the latest in agriculture technology and products with our vendors, but will also be able to see a few of the projects being conducted at WIU." We hope everyone will come out to enjoy the show Saturday, Feb. 10th 9-5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11th 10-4 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

Sigma Alpha: Interest meeting on Feb. 5th in KH 152 at 5:30. Contact Evelyn Powers at er-powers@wiu.edu to learn more.

Ag Mech Show: Feb. 10-11th. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday the 9th and tear-down on Sunday the 11th. Contact Keely Egelhoff for more information: ka-egelhoff@wiu.edu.

Pancake Breakfast: Feb. 21st. in KH 239 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.. Tickets are \$5 each in advance or \$6 at the door. You can get your ticket either from a CFFA member or in the Ag Office. To have your breakfast delivered, you can call: (309)333-7049. For further information or questions, contact Kylee Johnston at kn-johnston@wiu.edu.

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!

School of Ag Professional Polos

The Collegiate FFA Club is selling one-of-a-kind, professional polo shirts for the entire School of Agriculture! These purple polos, starting at just \$35, are available with the option to customize a sleeve for an additional \$5 with the name of a club or organization of their choice! Great for professional meetings, recruitment events, and a great choice for those in the School of Agriculture to show Leatherneck and Aggie pride in your future! All orders are due by February 16th, 2018 to Megan Wurth in the Ag office. Money must be included to secure your one-of-a-kind School of Agriculture polo TODAY!!

Equestrian Club

The Equestrian Club has been established since 2007, but has recently joined the School of Ag. On top of their weekly meetings, the club offers practices on Mondays & Thursdays at the Livestock Center in hour increments from 5-8 pm, \$5 per hour. Also, they have Show Team where they compete in the IHSA circuit at Black Hawk in Western Pleasure. If interested in learning more please contact Madison Andrae at mn-andrae@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.

Chili Cook-off

The chili cook-off held February 1 was a successful night for bringing the students and faculty together with the community and raising funds for Ag Banquet in the process.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



And the winners are...



First Place-Hoof N Horn



Second Place-CFB



Third Place-Dr. Baker
(sorry you didn't win a prize)

People's Choice-AGR





Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Andrew Baker

Dr. Andrew Baker is originally from Plattsburg, MO. He received his Bachelors, Masters, and PhD in AgEd from the University of Missouri. He has been at WIU for 19 years now and became the Director of the School of Agriculture in 2013. Dr. Baker also advises both Ag Council and CFFA/PAS/AgEd Club. This year has been an exciting year for Dr. Baker and his senior AgEd students. They will have a published article in the AgEd Magazine and one of Dr. Baker's students is actually student teaching one of his four children at Macomb High. Dr. Baker has always felt at home here at WIU, is very proud to represent this university, and grateful for all the personal and professional relationships he's gained while here. In his spare time, Dr. Baker enjoys golfing, traveling, going to concerts (of all genres), and to the movies.



Scholarships:

Justin Lillesand Memorial "You Do You" Scholarship--One \$1,000 award for the spring semester. Available to an Agriculture major who has completed one year of college/university coursework and registered for a second year. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, preference will be given to an applicant with a passion for livestock (preferably in the beef industry). Applicant must submit a resume documenting a strong work ethic and be a U.S. citizen. Applications are due February 6.

DR. LOREN K. ROBINSON

SCHOLARSHIP--One \$1,000 award divided between the fall & spring semesters. Available to entering freshmen who plan to pursue a major in the field of animal science. Applicants must be residents of Illinois & possess a minimum ACT of 20. Applications are due February 6.

ILLINOIS PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS--

Numerous Scholarships available at <http://ilpork.com/about/pork-youth>

ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION--

Application available at ilsheriff.org

Internships

The Louisa County Soil & Water Conservation District

Position Title: Conservation Internship

Employment Term: 480 hours (approximately 12 weeks)

Education/Qualification: Must be enrolled in college or a recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, environmental science, conservation, or natural resources.

Opening Date: January 29, 2018

Closing Date: February 23, 2018

Wage: \$12/hr. No holidays, vacation or benefits included.

Description of Duties:

- Conduct Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) field reviews
- Soil health promotion activities
- Assist with conservation practices survey and layout
- Other duties may be required and assigned as deemed appropriate by the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners

Skills & Abilities: The employee must be able to drive and have a valid driver's license.

Knowledge of plants, soils and map reading is beneficial. Must have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Ability to walk through tough terrain and carry equipment.

Contact: Send resumes by mail or email to:

Louisa County SWCD

260 Mulberry St., Ste 2

Wapello IA 52653

Email: jamie.grimes@ia.nacdnet.net

The Des Moines County Soil & Water Conservation District

Position Title: Conservation Internship

Employment Term: 480 hours (approximately 12 weeks)

Education/Qualification: Must be enrolled in college or a recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, environmental science, conservation, or natural resources.

Opening Date: January 29, 2018

Closing Date: February 23, 2018

Wage: \$12/hr. No holidays, vacation or benefits included.

Description of Duties:

- Conduct Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) field reviews
- Organize/plan the annual fair display
- Assist with conservation practices survey and layout
- Other duties may be required and assigned as deemed appropriate by the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners

Skills & Abilities: The employee must be able to drive and have a valid driver's license.

Knowledge of plants, soils and map reading is beneficial. Must have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Ability to walk through tough terrain and carry equipment.

Contact: Send resumes by mail or email to:

Des Moines County SWCD

3625 Flint Ridge Drive

Burlington, IA 52655

Email: jamie.grimes@ia.nacdnet.net

Internships

CropSmith Inc. is opening an exciting opportunity for individuals who are looking for an internship in the fields of agricultural research and nitrogen management.

The perfect candidate will have strong organizational skills, be dependable, possess a strong work ethic, and be excited about opportunities to learn. CropSmith and its employees value education and regularly discuss new research, nutrient tests, agricultural concepts and practices, and welcome new ideas.

The primary responsibility of this position will be to assist the CropSmith Research Manager in contract research for field trials. Included in this work would be to:

- Coordinate with and assist the CropSmith Research Director, Research Manager, and Research Technician on all field trials
- Help secure inputs for trials
- Be involved with the establishment of trials (plant crop)
- Assist with the collection of trial assessment data (ratings)
- Help to maintain plots
- Report ratings data
- Help to harvest plots

Secondary responsibilities include assisting with:

- CropSmith field operations
- Client field visits
- Data reporting to client
- Soil handling in the soil lab

To assist you, CropSmith will:

- Provide additional help for field work
- Provide equipment and supplies
- Provide GIS and data analysis support

If you are interested in an internship with CropSmith please send your contact information, resume, and a short essay (less than 1 page) on what your goals and interest are as they relate to the agriculture industry to Tim Smith at TSmith@cropsmith.com and be excited to join a progressive team in nitrogen management and agricultural research.

Forestry Internship

Application available at <http://www.parkridge.us/government/employment.aspx>

Submit Application for Employment and resume to Kim Hodge, HR Generalist, via email at humanresources@parkridge.us or by U.S. Mail:

City of Park Ridge

Attn: Human Resources

505 Butler Place

Park Ridge, IL 60068

AG MECH CLUB'S

48th Annual

FARM EXPO

Western Hall | Macomb, IL

FEBRUARY 10-11, 2018

Saturday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Tot-Rod Pedal Pulls (Sunday at noon) • Farm Tractors and Machinery
Ag Sales and Service • Ag Management • Emerging Ag Technology
Livestock Supplies • Crop Supplies • Conservation • Ag Structures
Farm Toy Show • Crafts • Displays • Alpha Gamma Sigma Concession Stand
WIU faculty and student agricultural research**

Free Parking and Admission

For more information, call (309) 298-1231.

Please follow show updates at: [facebook.com/wiufarmexpo/](https://www.facebook.com/wiufarmexpo/)



If you require accommodations in order to participate in this activity, please contact the School of Agriculture, (309) 298-1231.



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