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Welcome Back Aggies!

We hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! We're half way through the semester and I hope you are all ready to finish strong. Also, just a friendly reminder that all information you would like to be included in the newsletter needs to be sent to Maggie Eberley at ms-eberley@wiu.edu by Thursdays at noon to be in the next issue.

Upcoming Events:

Ag Open House: Mar. 23 at the Livestock Center; club representatives need to be out there by 8:45 am.

Hoof N Horn: Jackpot Show Mar. 24 at the Roseville Fairgrounds. FFA judging contest Friday April 6th, 4-H Livestock Judging April 7th, Hog Show May 19th at WIU, Sheep Show May 13th at Springfield.

***The Hoof n Horn club will meet at livestock center at 6:00 pm Thursday night to prepare for the cattle show. All Hoof n Horn members please donate a dessert for the cattle show food stand. Donations can be brought to the livestock center. If you have any questions contact Katie Miller - kd-miller3@wiu.edu or Mikaela Fringer - mk-fringer@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!

AGS: Golf outing on April 7th.

CFFA/Horticulture Club: Hort FFA Contest is April 11th.

CFFA: Ag Olympics is tentatively set for April 17th.

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.



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.

Beef Sticks for sale!

Do you ever get hungry in the middle of class and find it hard to see how you will make it through the rest of your day? Well the ladies of Sigma Alpha have just the thing for you! The sorority is selling individually packaged beef sticks this semester for a fundraiser. They are \$1 per stick and come in a variety of flavors: original, teriyaki, ranch, etc. The sticks are available in the Ag Office (KH145), in Jana's office (KHB21), or by the elevators on the first floor of KH.





Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Win Phippen!

Dr. Win Phippen is originally from Bronxville, NY and actually lived in the country of Holland from ages two to five. Dr. Phippen is a tenured full professor in the School of Agriculture and has been with WIU for 18 years. He received his MS degree from Cornell University in plant breeding and a PhD from Purdue University in the NewCrops breeding program. His research is focused on agronomic and breeding improvement of new and alternative crops. In 2010, he established a field pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense* L.) breeding program focused on germplasm collection, field evaluation, and controlled crosses to domesticate pennycress for commercial production. A majority of Dr. Phippen's time is spent writing grants and he usually teaches one to two classes per semester. Dr. Phippen and his wife have three children ranging from 12 to 16 years old, all of which are home schooled by his wife. In his free time, Dr. Phippen enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, traveling, playing hockey, and mountain biking. Also Dr. Phippen is a McDonough Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.



Scholarships:

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION --

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

WIU College of Business & Technology --

Deadline is March 26th.

<https://wiu.academicworks.com/>

"Excellence in Ag" -- Feed Energy

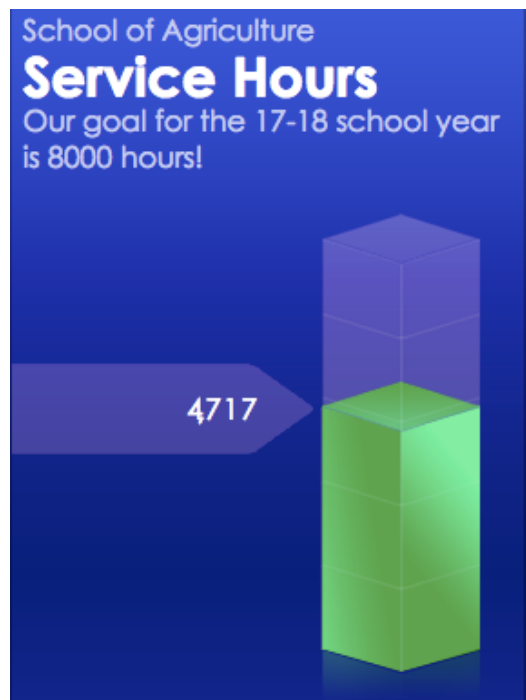
Two \$2500 scholarships. Due May 7th.

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

IPPA Scholarship Applications

Due March 21st.

<http://ilpork.com/about/pork-youth>



Internships/Employment

Runner Farms

Located in Blandinsville, is looking for a full or part time student for employment, to start as soon as possible.

They are particularly looking for field work, feeding, tractor driving.....they would prefer someone with experience.

For more info, contact Ron Runner at 405-334-2653 or Keaton Dobbs at 618-792-6370.

Anchor Acceptance Corp. - Wilson Trailer Co.

The job we currently have open is a "Sales Trainee" position that would be based out of Sioux City, IA. In this position the applicant would be responsible for learning about the different trailers that Wilson makes and also learning about other competitor trailers as well. Once they have become familiar with this, they will then be responsible for selling used trailers to potential customers throughout the country. This is a great opportunity for anyone that has a passion for agriculture and that are wanting to get a start in the sales world. If you have any questions please let me know.

Please send resumes to: dillon.martenson@wilsontrailer.com

Land Laboratory Manager - Joliet Junior College

Interested in joining the Joliet Junior College Agriculture/Horticulture Department? We are hiring a new Land Laboratory Manager. The position involves the design and implementation of educational activities on our campus land lab as well as departmental outreach and recruitment. Salary starts at \$55,000 per year plus a great benefit package. A full job description is attached and find the application here: <https://employment.jjc.edu/postings/2642>

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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

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Sports Turf

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Internship 2018

Bush Sports Turf is seeking qualified individuals to work in all areas of our sports turf and commercial landscape company. We are looking for energetic, creative, team-oriented individuals with proven leadership and communication skills. We would love to hire someone with a passion for sports and a love of the outdoors. The job would involve construction and care of athletic fields at all levels of competition from professional sports to little league. Interns would work on MLB fields, NFL fields, collegiate fields as well as many others. The position would involve all phases of field construction and maintenance, including consulting, design, irrigation, drainage, grading, turf installation, fertility and follow up maintenance. Intern would gain experience on baseball, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and various other sports surfaces both natural and synthetic. There would also be commercial landscaping, mitigation, corporate, and turf grass projects that would be worked on. The projects would be primarily in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

Position: Intern

Qualifications: Applicants must be enrolled in a 2 or 4-year turf, horticulture, agronomy, or construction, program or have a degree. Agricultural or construction background would be a plus.

- Must possess the ability to perform physical labor for extended periods of time in various weather conditions.
- Must possess the ability to operate turf related equipment including tractors, skid steer loaders, fertilizer spreaders, and tillers.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Must be well organized and demonstrate the ability to manage multiple projects with minimal supervision.
- Must be proficient with computer and software applications.

To learn more about our company please visit our website: www.bushturf.com

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to:

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