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# AGGIE 'NECK NEWS

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# Graduation Prep Day

On Friday April 27th at the University Union Concourse, stop by Grad Prep Day to take care of all your graduation needs from 10AM to 2PM. It's a one-stop-shop for everything you will need for graduation and where you can get any questions answered that you may have.



# Grad Blast



Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Attention all graduates of May, Summer, and December 2018:

Come join us on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 at The Change of Pace to celebrate your special day with the WIU Alumni Association! There will be free food, great prizes, and a photo booth!

Don't miss out on celebrating with other 2018 graduates and come experience the biggest senior send-off of the year! In addition, there will be a chance to win a WIU diploma frame.

# 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:

**Grad Blast:** For all spring, summer, and fall graduates of 2018. A party at the Change of Pace on April 25th from 6pm-8pm. There will be free food and chances to win prizes!

**Grad Prep Day:** April 27th from 10am-2pm in the University Union Concourse. You can get everything you need for graduation and have an questions that you may have be answered!

**AGS:** Golf outing on April 28th.

**Rep. Norine Hammond** will be speaking to Dr. Andrango's 8 a.m. AgEC 460 class on April 30 in KH 306 about ag policy. **All are welcome.**

**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.



## Photos with Rocky!

Show your Western Illinois University Leatherneck pride by getting your picture taken with Rocky, WIU's mascot.

WIU faculty, staff, students and friends are invited to get their photo taken with Rocky from 8-10 a.m. and 12-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 in the University Union concourse as part of the Purple & Gold Day celebration.

Photographers from the WIU Visual Production Center will be on hand to take photos for participants to use as a Facebook profile photo and/or a WIU Gmail profile photo. One photo will be taken at no charge, and will be provided to participants via the VPC Photoshelter site.

For more information, contact University Relations at (309) 298-1993 or U-Relations@wiu.edu.





## **Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Shelby Henning!**

Dr. Shelby Henning was born in South Africa and moved to the U.S. when he was seven. Dr. Henning received his B.S. in Forestry, M.S. in Plant Pathology (turfgrass), and Ph.D. in Soil Fertility/Fertilizer Use Efficiency (turfgrass). He obtained all of his degrees from the University of Illinois. Before coming to WIU, Dr. Henning ran a 100 acre off-campus agricultural research facility for the U of I in northern Illinois. He came to WIU just before the fall semester in 2017 as an Assistant Professor of Horticulture. At WIU, he also advises the Horticulture Club who are increasing their community involvement with service projects. This past school year the club helped plant trees as part of campus improvement efforts prior to Homecoming. Also the club helped plant a garlic variety trial with the Macomb Master Gardeners at the local Extension office last fall. Dr. Henning has very limited free time because he has four children ranging in ages from 5-13 that keep him on his toes. Also, it is his first year of teaching and has six classes to prepare for and teach.



## **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/>

### **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*

## **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](mailto:model@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](mailto: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](mailto:jp-geisler@wiu.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](mailto:AVARY@MIX30.COM)**

**FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CONTACT 800-575-7585 EXT. 206**



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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 4<sup>th</sup>.

# 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.



# KNAPHEIDE<sup>®</sup>

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](mailto: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

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