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DEPARTMENT NEWS

***AG DAY ON THE QUAD:** Celebrate National Agriculture Day! Explore Agriculture RSOs.

Tuesday, March 18th | 10 am – 2 pm | Schroder Plaza

***MR. AG PAGEANT:** April 17th 7:30 PM in Brown Ballroom. Male students in agriculture department are competing for the title of Mr. Ag. Doors open at 7:00 – cost is \$5 per person.

****NACTA** is busy with fundraisers to help students get to Texas! Buffalo Wild Wings- Tuesday March 18 10:30 am till close.

Krispy Kreme Digital Dozen open until Wednesday the 19th. See any NACTA member! Watch social media for each flyer and reminders! Questions? Contact Beth, edclar1@ilstu.edu. NACTA students should watch group chat.

3-Minute Presentation Competition: Agriculture 3-minute presentation competition. Tuesday, April 15th, 5:00 pm at the Alumni Center, room 118. Competitors will present for 3 min with one static slide targeted for a lay audience. A 3-judge panel will evaluate each student and select a winner and runner-up to win a cash prize. Come out and support your peers!

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

***ISU STUDENT PRE-VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (SPVA)** meets bi-weekly on Thursdays from 6-7pm in RAB 108G. The next



meeting will be March 20th. Everyone is welcome. Come learn about all things vet and animal related | Guest Speakers | Hands-on workshops | Volunteer opportunities.

Agromony Club: Meetings held in RAB 107F every Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! What we do: Competitions | Service Projects | Cookouts | and other fun activities!

Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR): Alpha Gamma Rho is a social-professional fraternity To Make Better Men, providing each and every brother with superior lifelong personal development and professional success since 1904. As a social-professional fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho members are a brotherhood bound by shared values and shared professions in agriculture, natural resources, and related fields. Contact Logan Watson for more information (ljwats1@ilstu.edu).

Farmhouse Fraternity: Looking to meet new friends and gain leadership experience? Come check out Farmhouse! We are the longest standing fraternity on campus. Our chapter house is in great shape and affordable to live in. We also accept all majors. Contact our rush chairman Hunter Ketchum if interested. haketch@ilstu.edu.

CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bug2School: Collaborative insect ecology research in school gardens! Spend the summer doing guided insect ecology experiments in school gardens with Bug2School! (bug2school.org). **Length:** 8-weeks, June-July 2025, 30 hrs/week | **Stipend:** \$5,000 stipend
Locations: University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Chicago State University | **Eligibility:** Currently enrolled undergraduates graduating fall 2024 or later. **Team research:** Learn to grow food and be a scientist together with a cohort of students as we collaborate on a single large-scale experiment, with close, in-person mentorship from university faculty. **Bug Camp:** Our program begins with a 5-day orientation in Champaign-Urbana for team-building and rigorous training in gardening, insect ecology, and scientific methods. **Bug influencing:** As we complete research, we'll also develop creative web and video content to help students and teachers learn about plants and insects in school gardens. Contact Dr. Blubaugh for more information: blubaugh@illinois.edu

JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

***AGRONOMIC RESEARCH SPECIALIST:** Bayer U.S. – Crop Science Research & Development Plant Breeding opened a posting for an Agronomic Research Specialist role here in Arlington, WI. Relocation is available for this job. The main skills we're looking for are agronomics, equipment aptitude (or willingness to learn), good communication, and attention to detail. For more information and to apply visit: <https://jobs.bayer.com/job-invite/840862/>. The posting will be live through 3/24. (3/17/25)

***ASSOCIATE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN:** Cargill in Bloomington, IL has a full-time lab position available. For more information and to apply visit: <https://jobs.cargill.com/job-invite/305161/>. (3/17/27)



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***SEASONAL HORTICULTURIST:** Bloomington Country Club is seeking a Seasonal Horticulturist. The focus of this position will be preparing, planting, watering, pruning, and maintaining the extensive flower beds around the clubhouse, pool area, and on the golf course with assistance from other team members. Along with the planting maintenance, the horticulturist will also be expected to assist in keeping all club areas clean, debris and weed free, and may also be cross trained to perform golf course tasks.



Bloomington Country Club

Requirements: •Horticulture education or experience is preferred but not required •An interest in maintaining landscape and flower beds
•Attention to detail is a must •Someone who enjoys outdoor work •Working one weekend morning a week

Hours, Salary, and Benefits •Quantity of hours is very flexible anywhere from 15-40 hours – morning and weekend work required •\$15-\$17/hour depending on experience •Club provided meals while on duty •Uniform shirts provided •Golfing privileges when club schedule allows. For more information, or to apply contact Matt Harstad, Golf Course Superintendent by email at mharstad@bloomcc.com or by phone at (309) 829-5584. (3/17/25)



Western DuPage Landscaping, Inc.

***MULTIPLE POSITIONS:** Western DuPage Landscaping, Inc. in Naperville, IL, is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions. Please send resumes to: susan@wdlinc.com (3/17/25)

Landscape Construction Foreman – Basic requirements are the ability to lead crew members and follow Supervisor’s direction. Have an Illinois State CDL ‘A’ driver’s license with air brake endorsement. Hardscape Installation Knowledge – 3 years’ experience preferred. Plant Installation Knowledge – 3 years’ experience preferred. Must be able to lead crew members and follow supervisors’ directions. Follow and enforce the WDL Safety and Best Practices.

Landscape Construction Laborer – Must have experience in Landscaping and be willing to learn and follow directions. Must be able to show up at work every day. Must follow all safety WDL protocols. Maintain a high level of integrity and have a good attitude.

Horticulturist – This is a working management position and requires hands on field work to ensure quality project outcome and training of field staff. Horticulturist is to provide the necessary support to Staff in the areas of landscape maintenance, and all aspects of proper horticultural practices and care of shrubs, trees, perennials, and annuals. This will be accomplished through appropriate controls in coordination with and supervision of the WDS Manager. It also requires sales work and collaboration with the Design Studio Landscape Architects.

Yard Manager/Plant Purchaser – This role is a full-time position and crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of our facility and material yard, as well as managing plant purchases and inventory. The ideal candidate will have a strong focus on safety, excellent organizational skills, and the ability to work collaboratively with various departments and vendors. Must have horticultural knowledge, familiarity with hardscape materials and be able to use fork lift/skid steer and drive trucks.

Landscape Maintenance Account Manager – The Account Manager is responsible for exceeding customer expectations by effective management of the financial and human resources appropriate to them by following WDS Quality Standards. The Account Manager will be responsible for selling the products and services WDS offers as well as achieving assigned sales goals and gross profit. The position ensures the performance of WDS Quality Standards and the management of all resources to achieve client confidence and exceptional service for their clients.

Landscape Architect/Designer Salesperson - Key responsibilities include consulting with clients to determine design preferences, budget, and project requirements. Develop detailed landscape designs, including renderings, material selections, and construction specifications. Identify and coordinate subcontractors as needed. Prepare work orders to facilitate the installation process. Collaborate closely with the Design Team, Project Managers, and Installation Crews to ensure seamless execution. Perform customer service walk-throughs to confirm client satisfaction and address any concerns.

***FULL-TIME FARM TECHNICIAN, ALEXIS, IL:** Applications are being accepted for a full-time farm technician. The candidate will assist with a wean-to-finish swine operation, beef feedlot enterprise, and corn and soybean production. Willingness to obtain a class A CDL and willingness to do some minor mechanical work would receive additional compensation. Housing could be provided. Salary is based on skill set and experience and includes health insurance. Wanting to find an individual to be part of the team as soon as possible. For more information or to apply, please contact Aaron Brokow (309) 737-0890 or aaron_kaylin@yahoo.com. (3/17/25)

Multiple Positions Available: W. & E. Radtke Inc is looking to fill various positions at their nursery. Production Assistant (full time/seasonal) | Propagation Assistant (full time/seasonal) | Maintenance Team Member (full time/part time/seasonal) | Shipping Team Member (full time/part time/seasonal) | Transportation Team Member (part time/seasonal) | Grower (full time). Office work openings: Customer Service Representative | Purchasing Agent | Inventory Assistant. All of these available jobs are fast-paced, especially during spring when it’s all hands on deck over here! Some of these positions will require work to be done in all weather conditions, provided they can be done safely. Call (or text or email) for more detailed info and a tour of the nursery! You can also find more detailed job listings on Handshake. Questions on office positions call (262) 253-1412 or email info@weradtke.com. For positions outside contact George at (262) 305-8888. (2/17/25)

Part Time Help wanted for a local pure-bred cattle operation located in Lexington, IL. Hours are flexible and no livestock experience is needed. If interested, please contact Gary Dameron at (309) 261-2191. (2/17/25)


Seasonal Help Wanted: Corn Belt Ag Services, LLC is looking for Spring and Summer help. Competitive Pay | Work Outdoors | Opportunities to Learn. Send resume and cover letter detailing relevant education/work experience to William Anderson at wanderson@cornbeltagservices.com



Spring: (March – May, part-time) Summer: (Late May – Early August) Fall: (September – November, part-time) (1/27/2025)



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Seasonal Field Work: Bayer’s Crop Science division is hiring in Manito, IL starting in April with potential to work through October/November timeframe. Questions and/or submit your resume and information via email to zachary.benson@bayer.com.


- Competitive pay with overtime opportunity
- Valuable experience within agriculture
- Great Resume Experience
- Flexible, fun, and safe work environment
- Paid mileage opportunities
- Opportunity for multi-year seasonal employment
- Talk to us if you are wanting to use your work experience towards school credits.

What Will We Expect From You: •Ability to work in all weather conditions | •Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends | •Must be at least 18 years old | •Drug screen upon start date | •Reliable form of transportation| •Valid driver’s license | •Team Oriented w/ability to work independently | •Self Motivated | •Your opinions and feedback to help us improve. (1/27/2025)

Seasonal Summer Vegetable Crop Scout: Agri-Pest Consulting, Inc., has openings a full-time and part-time Seasonal Summer Crop Scout. This seasonal position will be from late May through mid-August. Full-time work schedule will be Mondays through Thursdays usually 6 am to 7-8 pm. Part-time work schedule will be Mondays through Wednesdays usually 6 am to 7-8 pm. Work locations are two hours driving to/from Janesville to worksite. No weekend work. Workdays are long, usually 12-to-14-hour days. Candidates must make a commitment to work with no days off, especially during June and July when the crops are at their height. This is a fantastic hands-on opportunity to learn about large-scale commercial vegetable crop production and crop disease management. Interested candidates forward a resume to: agripest89@gmail.com. If you have questions, you can contact the owner, Tim Gross, at (608) 208-5049. (1/27/2025)

Genetic Selection Specialist: AcuFast has openings available. Genetic Production Technician | Genetic Selection Specialist. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://acufastswine.com/en/careers> (1/27/2025)

Internships: Miller Park Zoo is seeking Animal Care Interns for Winter, Spring, and Summer of 2025. Apply at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityblm/promotionaljobs>. (1/13/25)



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships: The 2025 GROWMARK Foundation Scholarship application is now OPEN! Fifty-five (55) \$2,000 scholarships available. Applications **must be submitted by April 11, 2025**. To access the application, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions or need further information, please email us at recruiting@growmark.com.

Scholarships: Grain & Feed Association (GFAI) is now accepting applications for scholarship opportunities. Applications are now **open through April 15, 2025**. For more information and to apply visit: https://www.gfai.org/scholarship-and-career-information.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io&utm_campaign=newsletter

NETWORKING

Spring Career Fairs: Career Services 2025 spring career fairs. Great opportunities to meet employers seeking to hire Illinois State talent.
Part-time Job Fair: [Thursday, March 20, 2-4 p.m.](#) **Fine Arts Career Fair:** [Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.](#)
Career Fair for International Students: [Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.](#)

If you need special accommodations to participate in any of these events, contact Career Services at (309) 438-2200. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.

Part-Time Job Fair: **SmartVet** Mobile Veterinary Service, based here in Normal, IL. In addition to our mobile veterinary service, we also have a clinic located at 1537 Fort Jesse Rd. Our team is dedicated to providing high-quality care to animals, and we are equally committed to educating and mentoring future veterinarians. We will be attending the Part-Time **Career Fair at Illinois State University on Thursday, March 20th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**. We are particularly interested in connecting with pre-veterinary students who are seeking hands-on experience and hours to help prepare them for veterinary school. At SmartVet, we prioritize the growth and education of the next generation of veterinary professionals. We aim to provide valuable learning opportunities and mentorship to students, helping them develop the skills and knowledge necessary to follow their passion for veterinary medicine.

Volunteer Opportunities: Miller Park Zoo is seeking volunteers. Must be at least 16 years of age | Complete a Volunteer Application Form | Must be able to pass a local, state, and national background check | Complete in-person interview and a volunteer orientation with the Volunteer Coordinator | One time only \$25 registration fee | If interested in Animal Care, you must provide a current TB Test result. For questions and assistance please contact Silvia Schuh – Miller Park Zoo – sschuh@cityblm.com | (309) 434-2826



ANIMAL CARE | ZOO PROJECTS/GARDENING | SPECIAL EVENTS | GUEST SERVICES (1/13/25)

