

CHI EPSILON SIGMA



GAMMA CHAPTER

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The purpose of this fraternity shall be to maintain the standards, ideals, morale, prestige, and respect of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service support staff; to develop an effective working relationship and a spirit of fraternal friendship among the employees; to encourage professionalism; and to recognize, share, and reward professional excellence in job performance.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

What a crazy summer! The holiday season is around the corner bringing another change of the seasons.

Your board is hard at work to bring you a wonderful annual meeting in April 2021, and we want your input. Please make sure you submit your ideas via the Qualtrics survey that Robyn emailed on September 18. This survey will help us make your annual meeting experience even better as we try to bring you the professional development opportunities you need and want.

I recently spoke with the new Regional Extension Directors. They fully support Chi Epsilon Sigma and encourage all eligible staff to participate. If you know of any new staff members eligible to join, tell them what you enjoy about our organization. Encourage them to join to see what we can offer them. We should have enrollment forms available after the first of the year.

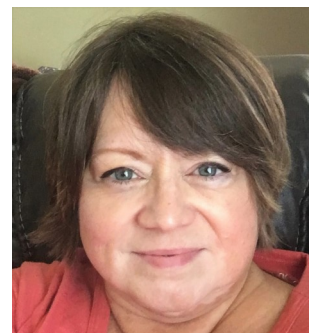
We have some area director positions that are vacant and we would love representation. If you would like to represent your area on the CHIES board and work in the Bluegrass, Fort Harrod, Quick Sand, or UK Campus/Lexington areas, please contact me or another board member to find out how you can become a director. Directors give input on what programs, speakers, food, and activities we present at our annual meeting. Duties are in the operating guidelines on the Chi Epsilon Sigma website.

As we work our way through the countdown to the annual meeting, find life's little blessings in your day-to-day, crazy world.

I look forward to seeing you all in April.

Nancy Williams

CHIES President



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Save The Date APRIL 14-16, 2021

The CHI Epsilon Sigma Board is working hard to plan a great annual conference despite the curveballs being thrown by COVID-19. At this time, there are no plans to change the date. We are still unsure if the conference will be virtual or in-person, but either way our goal is to provide a quality experience for all CHIES members. Your input will help us do just that, so please take the a few moments to complete the Qualtrics survey at https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZgnmjKkNNNoBQb3. We will send out more details as soon as possible.



Staying Connected



I would love to utilize our CHIES Facebook page as a tool to keep us connected throughout the year. One of my favorite parts about attending the annual conference is networking with support staff from across the state. We all know that no two Extension Offices are the same, and I love learning new tips and tricks from my counterparts—especially since I'm all about working smarter, not harder! I encourage those of you on Facebook to like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChiESUKY>. Feel free to make posts sharing job-related ideas or asking for input from fellow support staff.



Directors Positions

As Nancy mentioned, we have Director positions open in the Bluegrass, Fort Harrod, Quick Sand, and UK Campus/Lexington areas. Directors are so important as they are the liaison connecting members in their area to the officers. Details can be found on the CHIES Website at <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/content/operating-guidelines>.

Area News

Green River Area



Kelsey King of Henderson County will celebrate her 5-year wedding anniversary on October 10!

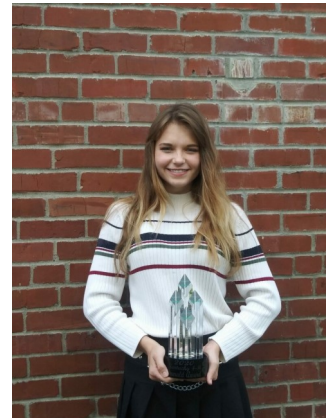


Beth Horn of Daviess County is preparing to welcome her 5th grandchild, due March 23!

IT'S a GIRL!

Mammoth Cave Area

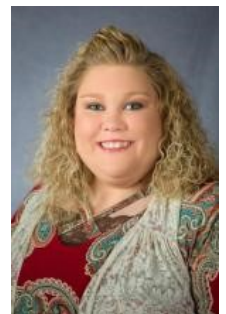
Kierra Star Owens, daughter of Nancy Owens in Allen County, received her Emerald Award in 4-H. This is a great honor as only 4 children in the state of Kentucky receive this award.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Kaitlyn Slaughter, Warren County Staff Support, graduated in May with her Master's Degree from Western Kentucky University.



Husband of Paige Alexander in Logan County, Brian, is a first responder and is with hurricane relief from Laura.

Big THANK YOU to our first responders!

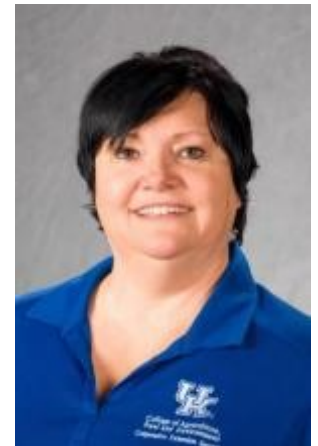
Area News

Purchase Area



Lisa Dodson, SNAP-Ed Assistant for Hickman and Carlisle Counties, had a grandbaby born on March 18.

Meet Jackson H. Lynn Ballard!



Lisa Dodson of Hickman and Carlisle Counties and Stephanie Caldwell of McCracken County both received a promotion to Senior SNAP-Ed Assistants.



Quick Sand Area

Tonya Gilbert had these twin girls, *Haylee and Kaylee*, on July 3. After a month-long stay in the NICU at UK, they are happy and healthy at home!





NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020



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Dear Chi Members,

It has been a long couple of months! I hate that we couldn't all get together this spring but look forward to next year. We wanted to make sure all your hard work and effort was recognized so we decided to put our annual meeting in a newsletter! You will find the awards nominees and winners as well as the scholarship recipients and recognition of our retirees. We are trying to find the best way to get the t-shirts to those of you who ordered one and we appreciate your patience. It has been a pleasure to serve as President this year and to serve on the board for the last 8 years. Stay safe and be well.



Kelly Dockter

Staff Assistant/ Chi Epsilon Sigma– Past President

What a privilege it is to be part of such a wonderful organization as Chi Epsilon Sigma! I am looking forward to serving as your President in the 2020-2021 year.

In the coming months, consider areas some extra training would help you in your job. Perhaps a little more knowledge for Drupal, or maybe Office Lens could make your job a little easier. Then, let your area director bring your wants and needs to our board meeting as we plan for our April 2020 meeting. Let us work for you to plan a wonderful annual meeting.

Have a wonderful summer and most of all, stay safe and well.



Nancy Williams

Staff Assistant | Chi Epsilon Sigma - Gamma Chapter - President

Phone: 270-554-9520

2020 CHIES AWARDS



Listed below are the winners of each of the awards that would have been given out at the annual meeting. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated. We have so many talented and caring people in our organization. Congratulations to everyone.

New Achievers Award (10)

To recognize a member who has shown distinguished service during previous calendar year and has worked for extension less than 5 years.

Linda Winburn – 1st Clark County
Cindy Anderson – 2nd Carlisle County
Cindy Maggard – 3rd Knott County
Rhonda Owlsey – District 1 Staff
Jennifer Keith – Pulaski County

Ashley Marshall – Daviess County
Kelly Bland – Daviess County
Kelsey King – Henderson County/Ohio Valley
Rohdene Rollins – Henderson County
Pam Renner – Henry County

Good Friend Award (9)

To recognize a member who always goes above and beyond their job description. Someone that is always helping others in the office - whether it is the client or co-workers. To recognize an individual who always works for the greater good.

Nancy Owens – 1st Allen County
Cindy List – 2nd Fleming County
Kimberly Campbell – 3rd Magoffin County
Linda Martin – Logan County
Janie Oliver – Knott County

Sara Givens – Warren County
Courtney Jones – Clark County
Diana Wilson – Lewis County
Stephanie Johnson – Lawrence County

Jovial Award (1)

To recognize a member who always comes to work with a smile on and who keeps the office cheerful. To recognize someone who is the life of the party, who makes a bad situation have a happy ending, who makes a joke at the right time to relieve tension.

Diane Wilson – 1st Lewis County

Distinguished Service Award (8)

To recognize a member who has shown distinguished service during previous calendar year and has worked for extension more than 5 years.

Danielle Fairchild – 1st Lawrence County

Lisa Pritchard – 2nd Hart County

Marie Grimes – 3rd Woodford County

Amy Dawn Spicer – Breathitt County

Ruth Ann Kirk – Lawrence County

Cecilia “Annie” Gish – Henderson County

Angie Padgett – Daviess County

Sherry Taylor – Warren County

Outstanding Program Award (7)

To recognize a member for an outstanding program during the previous calendar year.

Kelly Bland – 1st Daviess County

Robin Workman – 2nd Lawrence County

Alta Gaye Hutchinson – 3rd Wayne County

Conny Risner – Montgomery County

Rohdene Rollins – Henderson County

Paige Alexander – Logan County

Pam Renner – Henry County

Communications Award (10)

To recognize a member for an outstanding newsletter, flier, brochure, report, etc. during the previous calendar year.

Pamela Renner – 1st Henry County

Sue Ann McCandless – 2nd LaRue County

Mary Garrett – 3rd Montgomery County

Donna Brown – Jefferson County

Kaityln Slaughter (2 nominations) - Warren County

Sara Givens (2 nominations) - Warren County

Stacy Smith - Clinton County

Sherry Taylor – Warren County

RETIREMENTS

D6 – Julie Stallings (Retired 1/20 – Daviess County - 15 years)

OFFICERS 2020-2021



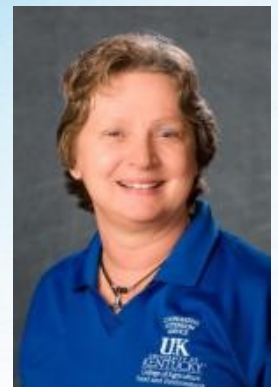
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DIRECTORS 2020-2021

BLUEGRASS VACANT

Several director positions are still open please consider representing your area for Chi Epsilon Sigma.

FORT HARROD VACANT

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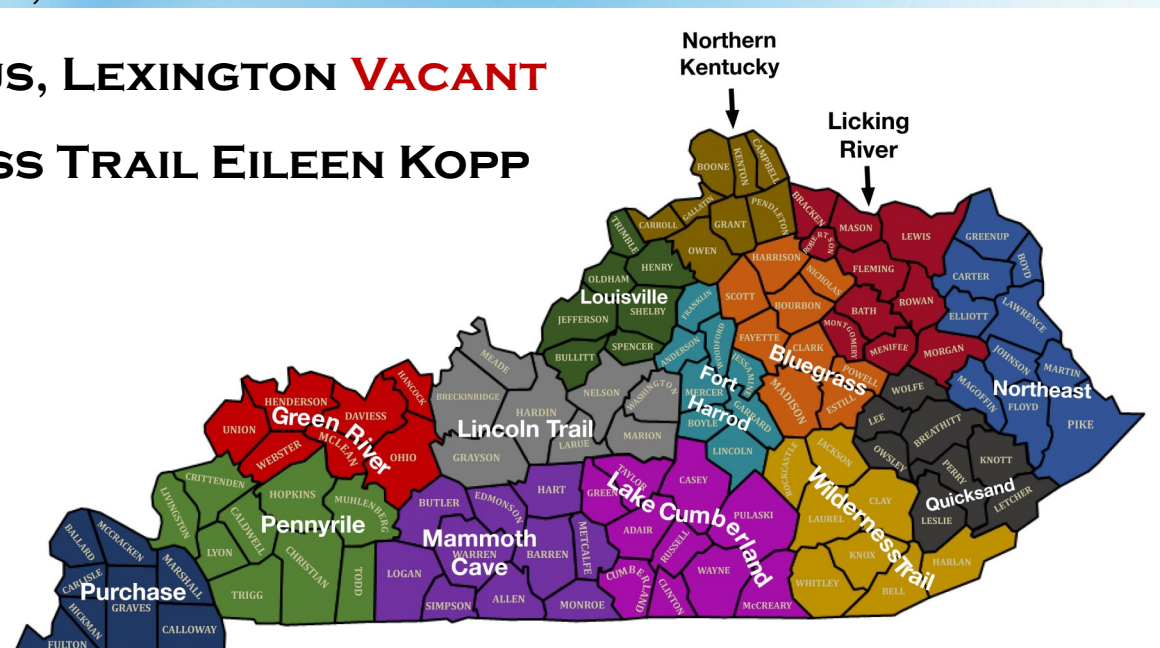
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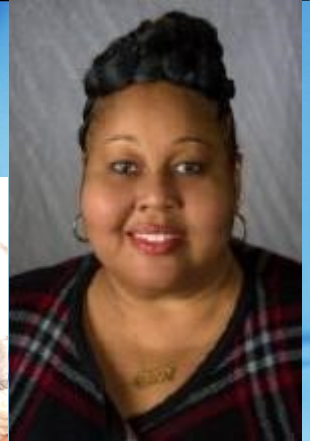
AREA NEWS

GREEN RIVER AREA



Kelly Bland of Daviess County celebrated her 23rd wedding anniversary on 4/26/20

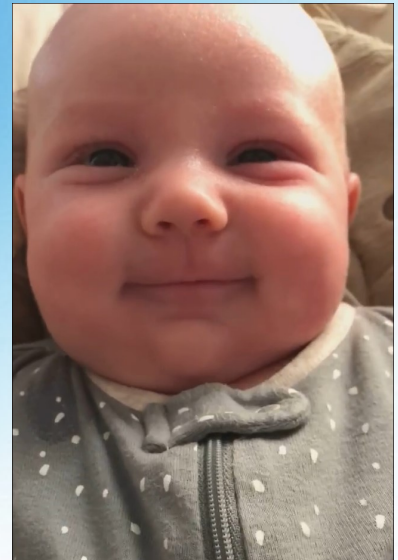
Rohdene Rollins of Henderson County had her 6th grandchild, Elias Rollins he is 2 months old!



PENNYRILE AREA



Sheryl Friend out of our Hopkins County office has a new grandbaby.



Miles Robert Scott Weiskittel

Born December 4, 2019 @ 2:31 p.m.

7 lbs 8oz, 20 inches long

Mom – Brooke Weiskittel

Dad – Kenny Weiskittel

Big sister – Layla June Weiskittel

LICKING RIVER AREA



Mary Garrett, Montgomery County Staff Assistant, just celebrated her 38th Year in Extension. She is a new member in Chi Epsilon Sigma. Although she was looking forward to her first annual meeting that had to be postponed, she looks forward to learning more about our wonderful organization.

NORTHEAST AREA



Mark Anthony and Sarah Campbell both BSN, RN graduates of Morehead State University have been serving on the front lines at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, KY during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mark Anthony is the son of Kimberly Campbell of District 1. He was honored to receive the CHIES Child/Grandchild a couple of years ago. Thank you CHIES family!



THANK YOU

CHIES friends,

I cannot convey the gratitude my heart feels regarding your CHIES donation to the Timothy Warren NRESci Memorial Scholarship. This year, my friends, you donated \$245.00!! Although my heart is so broken, it does give me great comfort knowing that I work with so many people that give of themselves to remember my son and in turn, support the youth in this wonderful 4H Program!

Timothy's 20th birthday would have been Sunday, April 26th. I always share a story about him on his birthday and I thought I would share that with you all as well. It might give you an insight on what a wonderful person he was and it might let you know how your contributions to his scholarship brought me joy on this very hard day.

When our boys were little, they loved for us to tell them real life "stories" about their childhood. We always began our stories like this, "Once upon a time there was a little boy named" and then insert the name of whichever one we were telling the story about. So, in honor of Tim's birthday, I'll share one of those stories with you today:

Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Timothy. Timothy was a lover of nature from the time he was able to walk and explore on his own. He loved playing with worms, catching ring neck snakes, skinny little green snakes, grasshoppers, frogs, and especially toads.

One evening he had been collecting toads in a bucket and he had about five or six in there along with some leaves, sticks, dirt and worms. He had been playing with them, trying to feed them, and could occasionally be heard talking to them. However, he was always ever so gentle with them.

This was not an uncommon thing for Tim, because he would catch them, play with them a while and then put them back in their "homes" around our property. They must not have cared, as they never left. Even when we moved from our first home to our second home, all the toads that lived around our house, made the move with us.

However, this one particular evening, it was balmy hot outside and after several hours of playing with them, Bob came down the steps, from the porch, to find Timothy crying. Bob asked him what on earth was wrong? Through tears, Tim looked up at his Dad and lifted the bucket to show him that the toads were all dead. Tim just sat there, sweat beading up on his brow, shaky little chubby fingers, and tears just streaming down his face making tracks from his eyes to his cheeks in the dust that had collected on his face from playing all day. Bob asked him, "What on earth happened to your toads Tim?" He looked at his dad and said, "Daddy, bugs were bothering them, so I sprayed them with our bug spray."

He was so devastated over those toads, he never quite got over it and talked about it for many years. It hurt him so bad. From then on, for as long as I can remember, if we saw a frog or turtle in the road, Tim would make me stop and he would get out and move it to the side of the road so it would not get run over by a car. I think he somehow wanted to make amends for what had happened that one evening.

One of the last videos we have of Timothy, he and Andrew were catching frogs in the little branch that runs in front of our house. They were studying frog eggs and were able to actually capture on video the frogs expanding and contracting to make their summer sounds. In the video, Timothy can be heard telling Andrew to "be careful" as he picked up the frogs.

What I wouldn't give to have that toad-catching boy back here. His absence is deafening at times. But, there are times, late at night when I sit outside and hear the frogs singing, that I think they miss him too and are actually calling his name.....

With sincere thanks,

Diane Warren



Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Conference

April 14-16, 2021



We will be in
Lexington.

Save the
date!!!!

