

CHI EPSILON SIGMA



GAMMA CHAPTER

*The National  
Cooperative  
Extension Support  
Staff Fraternity  
of the University  
of Kentucky*

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!

I hope this reaches you happy and healthy. We are all aware of how stressful the world has been lately. Work stresses, personal issues, working from home or in the office, learning new systems, or just remembering the old ones has presented us with more and more to deal with in our day to day lives. As we come up to one hundred percent in each office, we all need to renew our connections to our work peeps and commit to being a team again in this challenging environment.

The Chi Epsilon Sigma board will be coming together soon to plan our 2022 meeting. I am so excited that we are planning an in-person meeting this year! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the annual meeting, please reach out to your area directors so they may bring them to our next board meeting. A list of directors can be found on our website at <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/content/directors>.

I hope you are all looking forward to coming together this year!

*Nancy Williams*

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President



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*Tami Widelski* of Marshall County has accepted the position as Chi Epsilon Sigma Vice President. She attended our recent board meeting where she was installed.

*Welcome!*

## HISTORY OF CHI EPSILON SIGMA

Nancy shared some of this information during the Chi Epsilon Sigma Virtual Annual Meeting in April. I thought it was very interesting and wanted to share again since some members were unable to attend the meeting.

### *Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter*

is the National Cooperative Extension Support Staff Fraternity of the University of Kentucky. Chi Epsilon Sigma has the same letters as Cooperative Extension Service. The chapters are named as they are organized: Ohio - *Alpha* (first), Arkansas - *Beta* (second), and Kentucky - *Gamma* (third). The last letter of the Greek alphabet is *Omega* which means “the end”. None of the chapters will have that letter — there will be no end. The meaning of the Greek letters are X(chi) - Christ of Life; E(epsilon) - Loyalty; and S(sigma) - Learning.



Our logo has significant meaning as well. The letter in the center of the circle stands for Gamma Chapter. The circle represents the endless number of friends you will make in this organization. The leaves signify personal growth.

Chi Epsilon Sigma, which literally means “Life, Loyalty, Learning” was created *by* Extension staff *for* Extension staff. The absence of our last two annual meetings has made it hard for members to connect across the state. Networking among our peers is one of the best benefits of meeting in person.

# COUNTY NEWS



**Sue Ann McCandless** of LaRue County celebrated 15 years of working in Extension in July 2020. Jeremy Teal recently recognized her for that with a “cutting board” during one of their weekly staff meetings.

In May 2021, she graduated *summa cum laude* with a BS from WKU and was selected as the 2021 Outstanding Student of the Year in FACS Child Studies. Way to go, Sue!



## Thank You for Your Service!



**Fran Hodges** of Hardin County recently celebrated her 15-year work anniversary with Extension!



**Joni Hill** retired from Hardin County in January 2021.

Happy Retirement!



Marion County hired a new staff assistant, **Chelsea Childers**.

## Welcome to Cooperative Extension!

Hardin County hired a new staff assistant, **Brittney Pack**, in April. Their new FCS Program Assistant, **Jocelyn Kemp**, welcomed her first child, Adaline Reagan, on May 13.





*Well wishes for a speedy recovery*

*Sue Henning* of Breckenridge County is recovering from a knee replacement and will be off for several weeks. Anyone wishing to send her a card can mail it to 4230 Hwy 1740, Hardinsburg, KY 40143.



*Juanita Herron*, of Marion County, is recovering from minor surgery and is looking forward to coming back to work and to CHIES. She is happy to have prayers during her continued recovery.



Violet Elizabeth Horn, granddaughter of *Beth Horn* (Daviness County), was born on March 23, 2021.



*Congratulations!*



*Wonderful News!*



Bob Friend, husband of *Sheryl Friend* in Hopkins County, is currently CANCER FREE! Bob has been dealing with stage 4 pancreatic cancer and has recently finished up his last chemo treatment. Please pray his condition continues to improve.



Madison Faulk, daughter of *Kimberly Faulk* of Hopkins County, is expecting twin boys. The babies are due in January, and they will be Kimberly's first grandchildren!

