Chi Epsilon Sigma



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Message from the President

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Greetings Chi Epsilon Sigma members!

I hope you all are having an amazing Summer! Thank you to everyone that participated in the Chi Epsilon Sigma t-shirt fundraiser. We have made approximately \$176 on shirt sales. Shirts are still available to order if you haven't got one or you want another one. *See attached order form

I want to personally thank everyone who participated in the THV 11 Summer Cereal Drive! We beat our previous year's numbers by more than \$1000. I hope we can at least double our numbers next year. On July 19, 2024, I attended the THV 11 Summer Cereal Drive Break of Champions where we were acknowledged for our efforts in helping to ensure that Arkansas's children don't go hungry throughout the summer. *See the article regarding this for exact totals.

I attended the State O-Rama Donor Dinner on July 24, 2024, on behalf of Chi Epsilon Sigma. Our yearly donation to the 4-H Scholarship Fund goes to help support our 4-H Students. I had a great time. Those kids are beyond talented and a joy to be around. I was able to sit between two 4-H students during dinner and learned a lot about them. I greatly enjoyed learning about their passions and future endeavors.

I would love to plan a Chi Epsilon Sigma outing for those that can travel to Little Rock one weekend in August. I am hoping that we can go have a time at Dust Bowl Lanes & Lounge. https://dustbowllounge.com/locations/little-rock/ Please let your district director know if you are interested in attending so that we can schedule a date that works best for the majority. I would also love to get together for the holidays. We can try to plan something in another part of the state if you guys don't want to come back to Little Rock.

I am looking forward to more great things to come for Chi Epsilon Sigma!

Nytalya Salter, President







"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities."

-Stephen Covey-

Chi Epsilon Sigma – Beta Chapter 2024-2025 Officers

2024-2025 Committees and Chairs

Activities Committee: Administrative Advisor - Chair - Janet Grafton

Cindy Whiteside Lincoln County, Delta District
Beverly Brown Dallas County, Ouachita District

Genean Butler LRSC

Nancy Morehead Washington County, Ozark District

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Diane Cunningham Monroe County, Delta District
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Debbie Clevenger Washington County, Ozark District

Johnny Woodley Pulaski County, LRSO

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Lisa Barnes LRSO

Kelly ThomasonCalhoun County, Ouachita DistrictMindy BeardFaulkner County, Ozark DistrictBurnita HearnCrittenden County, Delta District

Scholarship & Professional Improvement Committee: Past President – Chair – Shaura Ivy

Spring Sneed AES, Delta District

Renee Hunthrop Cleveland County, Ouachita District

Robbie Rye Pope County, Ozark District

Amy Hedges LRSO

Silent Auction Committee: Chair - Nytalya Salter

Gina Rentfrow AES, Ozark District

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Bianca Ortega LRSO



What Is Chi Epsilon Sigma?

Chi Epsilon Sigma is the Beta Chapter of The National Extension Support Staff Fraternity. The purpose of this Fraternity is to maintain the standards and ideals; uphold the morale, prestige and respect of the Cooperative Extension Service support staff; and to develop an effective professional working relationship and a spirit of fraternal fellowship among the employees of the Cooperative Extension Service. Any Extension clerical support staff member (50 percent or more) is eligible for membership. The officers, board of directors and members of Chi Epsilon Sigma encourage all eligible support staff members to become a part of this organization. Our goal is to have 100 percent membership. Membership is on a calendar year basis. Dues are only \$10 if paid by January 31. After January 31, dues will be \$15. For new members \$10 and Emeritus dues are \$5. Use the form below to renew, rejoin or become a new member.

CHI EPSILON SIGMA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name	Title				
Office Address			City		p Code
Home Address		City	City		p Code
County		District		Office Phone	
Email			Cell Phone Birth Date (mm/dd/yy)		
Wedding Anniversary (mm/dd/yy)			_ Spc	ouse's Name	
Membership Renewal New I				Rejoining	
Dues by January 31 – \$10 (this is a savings of \$5!!!) Dues after January 31 – \$15 Dues New Members \$10 Dues Emeritus \$5					
Make check payable	to CHI EPSILON SIG	iMA, write "For∃	Deposit Only	y" on back.	
Send your check to: Angela Berryhill Chi Epsilon Sigma Treasurer 1216 Gray Loop					

Leola, Arkansas 72084

UADA Famous Potato Salad By: Armenta Lockhart's Mom

Ingredients:

- **8 Large Russett Potatoes**
- 4 Boiled Eggs
- 1.5 Jars of Kraft Sandwich Spread
- 2 tablespoons Yellow Mustard
- 1/2 Cup Honey Mustard
- 1 Cup Dill Pickle Juice

Salt and Pepper (To Taste)

Garnish with Smoke Paprika

Mix all together with love.

This is recipe of potato salad that was offered at the Hot Dog/Ice Cream Social at the Little Rock State Office.

Thank you, Armenta, for sharing this recipe with us!



Delta District

Greetings to you all from Woodruff County. In April 2024 I decided to organize and conduct a "Back To School Cereal Drive" for our students of Augusta and McCrory School District.

The Cereal Drive began on June 3, 2024 – July 19, 2024. This drive was really needed for our county due to limited access to groceries for families. Both towns are small; Augusta population under 2,000 and McCrory population under 1,600 residents.

I partnered with the organization's James M Smith #6 Masonic Lodge and Queens of Zion #12 Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

I am so excited of all the donations we received to distribute to parents and students who come out and attend the "Back To School Bash" on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at the Elmo Browning Park of Augusta, AR.

Our final count: Cereal #306 Boxes, Pop Tarts #50 Boxes, Granola Bars #10 Boxes, Cereal Bars #13 Boxes and Instant Oatmeal #7 Boxes



Woodruff County Cereal Drive

Organized and Conducted By: Christie Tyson

Woodruff Admin Specialist III

Drew County News

The fiscal year, FY24, has ended and now it's time for program reporting. Agents and program assistants have scheduled subcommittee meetings with local constituents to discuss the impact that Extension's programs and services make on the community. They are working on AIMS, impact statements, and other reports, so they won't miss the deadlines for submitting the necessary paperwork in October. It's always a joy to get feedback from the community concerning the services that our organization provides across the state.

For the last 8 weeks, our office has had the privilege of hosting one of 15 selected interns, Selby Best, that studied the various disciplines of Extension on the county level. Selby shadowed our Ag agent, Scott Hayes, while he performed his various job duties with producers in Drew County. She also assisted with 4-H lessons with the 4-H program assistant, Lynn Lanthrip. They conducted IT and Ozobot lessons with the Tech Changemakers curriculum, as well as drones and stained-glass lessons. She also attended summer camps at the Vines 4-H Center this summer. Each intern is responsible for conducting and completing a project of their choice during the 8 weeks of the internship. Selby chose to conduct forage fertility trial study by testing the nitrogen rates of the hay. The objective was to evaluate the influence of nitrogen rate on forage biomass production. She also participated in assisting in some of the routine activities of the FCS agent, Hazelene McCray. She concluded her internship by attending the State 4-H O'Rama activities this week at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Drew County had 6 4-Her's attending State O'Rama this year. Selby gathered an extremely varied wealth of knowledge over the past 2 months that will be helpful regardless of the career path she decides to pursue. We have enjoyed having her be a part of the Drew County Extension team.

Drew County has been blessed with some significant rainfall the last 2 weeks. My yard had almost dried up. I'm sure the local farmers are very excited to receive this much needed rain, so that this year's crops will produce high yields. So far, the weather has been favorable for crop production, unlike the last few years where the fields were either plagued by floods or droughts. My 9th year anniversary with Extension is August 17th. I can now see how many Administrative Assistants retire after 30-45 years with our organization. It literally seems as though I just joined the organization a few days ago. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months and making the most out of life.

Shaura Ivy

Ozark District

Cereal Drive

Fayetteville, Arkansas By: Nancy Morehead

Congratulations to Northwest Arkansas!

Over 100 pounds of cereal was collected and donated to NW Arkansas Food Bank along with a monetary donation from several online givers.





LRSO-District

Chi Epsilon Sigma led by president, Nytalya Salter band together once again this year to ask the UADA community to help support the 24th Annual Summer Cereal Drive through the Arkansas Food Bank. Donation sites were spread throughout the state at County Offices, Arkansas 4-H Center and the Little Rock State Office. Every \$ donated provides a box of cereal to someone in need. This year we were fortunate enough to have Dr. Deacue Fields announce the cereal drive on UADA Today and the donations started pouring in. Every dollar counts and we feel blessed to announce we have collected \$1309.20 and 190 boxes of cereal Equaling 1499 boxes. Thank you to all that donated!









From Debra Schneider- Retired, Crawford County Ozark District

Hello CES Members:

Crawford County says hello! I just had my 6-month mammogram after surgery. It was perfect. My hubby is doing fine with his cancer also. My grandkids are 10 and 11. They are on a bowling summer league and are pretty good. I'm getting my house repaired part by part and it needs it. Everytime they start something, they find something else to fix. I'm trying to clean out my garage of 45 years worth of stuff. It's hard to get rid of sentimental items. Stay cool, it's almost fair time and then it will be the end of the year.

Recipe by Debra Schneider, Crawford County Retired

Crazy Crust Pizza

1 cup flour

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. oregano (I don't use this much)

1/8 tsp. pepper

2 eggs

2/3 cup milk

Mix batter and pour in a well-greased pizza pan, tilting pan so the batter covers the pan.

Topping: 1 ½ lbs. beef or sausage (1 lb. is plenty for me)

1 /4 cup chopped onion

1 can well drained mushrooms

1 small can pizza sauce

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Arrange cooked meat, onions, mushrooms over batter and bake on low rack for 25 minutes about 350 degrees. Remove from oven and drizzle with pizza sauce and sprinkle until cheese and bake another 10 minutes.

If desired use 1 can (9 oz.) tomato sauce, 1 tsp oregano and ¼ tsp. pepper as an substitute for pizza sauce.

2024-2025 Chi Epsilon Board Members



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Nytalya Salter-President, Tammy Farnam-President Elect, Shaura Ivy-Past President, Cindy Whiteside-Secretary, Angela Berryhill-Treasurer, Genean Butler-Annalist, Janet Grafton-Administrative Advisor, Lisa Barnes-LRSO, Lisa Lynn-Ouachita Director, Lena Corbin-Delta Director, and Robby Rye-Ozark Director