

MARCH 2023

# Heartland HAPPENINGS

HARDIN—LARUE—BRECKINRIDGE—HART—GRAYSON



Chris Reed

## Director's Corner

March is National Women's History month – a time to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of all the strong, determined women who have made this world a better place. The tendency may be to look on a national level at those who are famous, or perhaps infamous. But, it was instantly apparent that if I wanted to honor amazing women, I didn't have to look further than Heartland Adult Education.

We are fortunate to have accomplished and experienced women from all walks of life in our offices and classrooms. Each and every one gives more than is expected because they know that, by doing so, they are helping the students reach their goals. It's never about personal advancement – it's ALWAYS about "What can I do to improve the student experience and how can I help them succeed?"

No matter what office I am in for the day, I see these scenarios over and over.....Women who delay lunch (if they get it at all) to respect student's time, women coming in early and staying late, women meeting in small groups to try to figure out how to reach more students or to retain the ones we have, women who encourage students with tenderness or toughness (whichever is required), women unselfishly propping each other up with kindness and support, women using talents that are above and beyond their job description in order to support the mission, women who share tears of pain or joy with students, women who design new, more effective ways for students to learn, women who do glorious things without seeking glory, and women who may be tired but are tireless in their endeavors to truly make a difference.

The effects that these women have had on the lives of our students are, without a doubt, incalculable. They are both the backbone and heart of Heartland Adult Education Consortium and it is my honor work with each and every one.

- ★ Becky McGuffin
- ★ Laura Lang
- ★ Sandra Singleton
- ★ Pam Kraan
- ★ dana wolfe
- ★ Nancy McKee
- ★ Amanda Herndon
- ★ Tina Anderson
- ★ Joyce Vercellino
- ★ Diane Kelley
- ★ Justine Blue
- ★ Laura Hayes
- ★ Sydney Bruner
- ★ Veronica Likins
- ★ Teresa Lush
- ★ Joy Srygler



**dana wolfe**

College and Career Navigator

# Stem to Stern

# RESOURCES

We try to keep an eye on new, or improved, resources so that the word gets out to those who may benefit from accessing them.

Two that we would like to spotlight this month are the Hardin County Library and the Family Scholar House's resource finder, MyKY.info.

The library has a ton of resources and events every month. Check out the Technology Tutorials that include "individualized assistance" with programs, documents, and devices. Register for this valuable resource at the number on the right.

Need assistance with email, eBooks, your tablet, cell phone, laptop, word processing, resume-building...? We have volunteers available to provide individualized assistance. Advance registration required for each tutorial session - give us a call at 270-769-6337 or register here: <https://forms.gle/Hqt3xS87hX6DQ1LT6> You'll be contacted to assign a specific appointment time.



From MyKY: "MyKY.info is a mobile-optimized website that pulls together the services in communities across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide support for people seeking a needed resource or experiencing a difficult time. It includes only those services that are free and provides all of the information needed to know what they offer, where they are located, when they are open, and any requirements to receive help." Give it a try!





# ZACHARY COOPER

**A 2023 GRADUATE EXPLAINS HIS (SUPER FAST!) GED JOURNEY**

Several things happened in my high school years that contributed to me not finishing. My mother was a single parent and we had financial issues that required me to start working to help pay the bills. It quickly dawned on me that I was unable to handle both work and school effectively. I decided that work was more important at the time and, ultimately, dropped out my junior year.

The deciding factor for me wanting to get my GED was for a job opportunity that arose recently. I will be working with for a sheet metal workers union in which I will be taking college accredited courses that can lead to an associate's degree! However, this couldn't be obtained without my high school equivalency.

I worked many years and made a living but always felt like I was unable to complete the GED program because I had been out of school for quite some time. I reached out to you all and was greeted with respect and a very willing staff of educators to help me get it done!

The whole process took me around two weeks to finish my testing. The journey was actually a very positive experience and I was surrounded by encouraging people the whole time. I explained to my mother that I had an office full of "cheerleaders"! (Respectfully)

You all made me feel worthy, motivated, and important.

Having my GED is going to make me eligible for this new position I am pursuing. I will be almost doubling my annual salary, will have full benefits for my son and I, and I will have no ceiling for growth in the future!!!

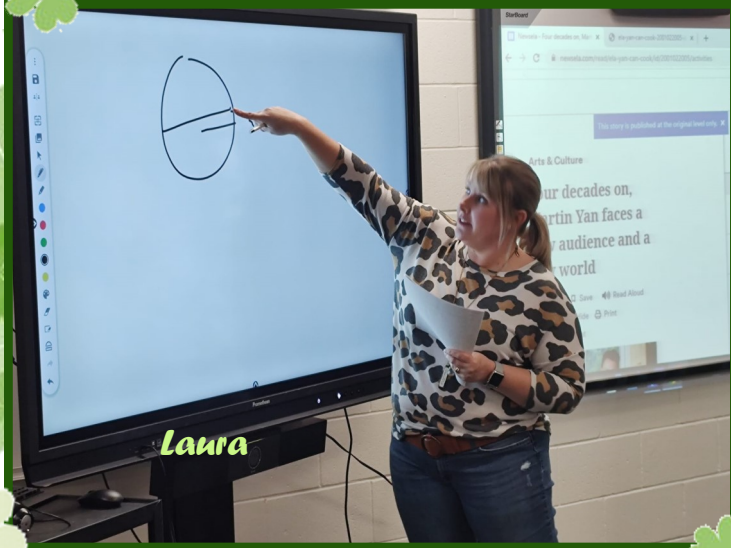
To anyone that is thinking of taking the next step toward getting their GED, I would absolutely recommend that they reach out and setup an appointment to take the placement test.



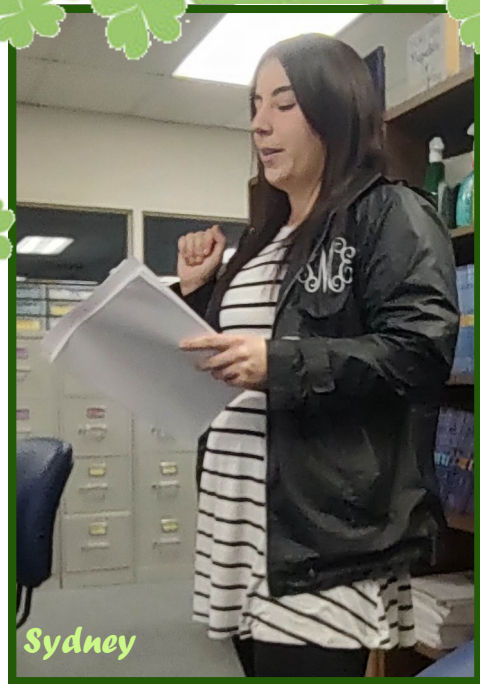
The scheduling is simple and can accommodate your work schedule and is not as difficult or intimidating as it may seem. I was able to come in on my terms and received nothing but support and encouragement throughout the process. The feeling of accomplishment has definitely boosted my confidence and I have received so much praise from my peers and family.

**IT CAN BE DONE!**

# TEACHERS TEACHING TEACHERS

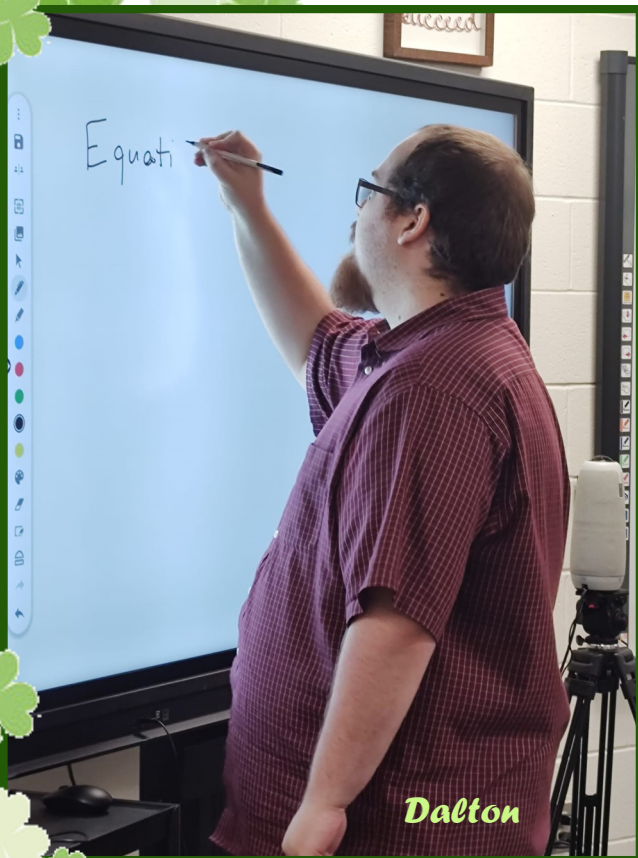


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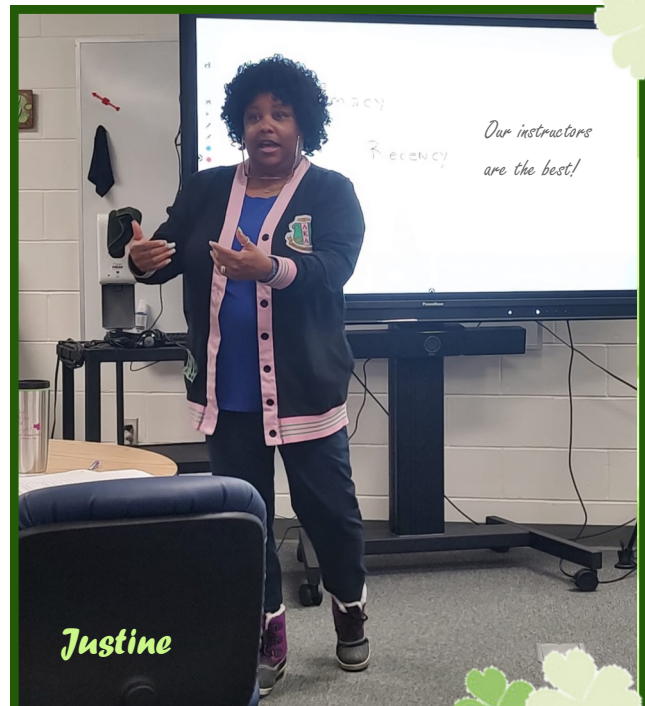


Sydney

Chris asked the instructors to give a short teaching presentation at our February Consortium meeting. The purpose was to share ideas, teaching styles, visual aids, tips, tricks, and experiences. There are many ways of learning and this sharing of ideas only enhanced the quality instruction that these amazing teachers already provide on a daily basis.

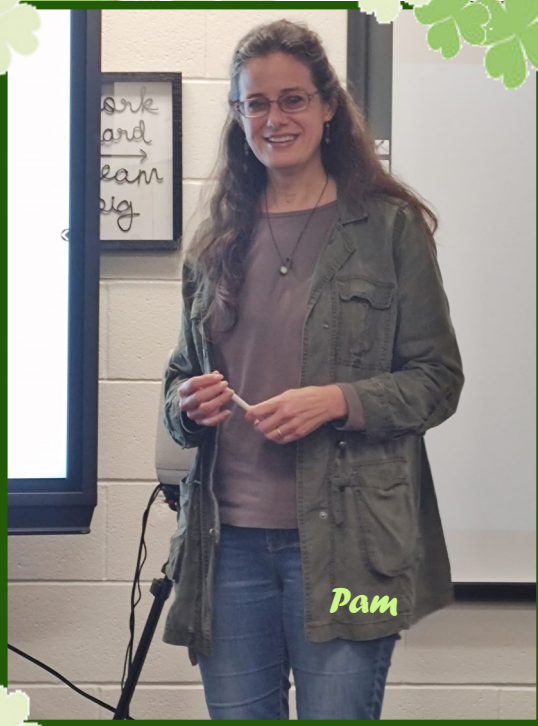


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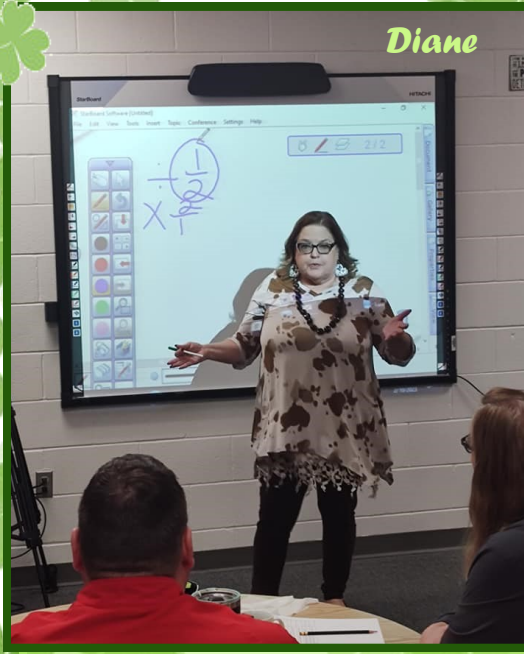


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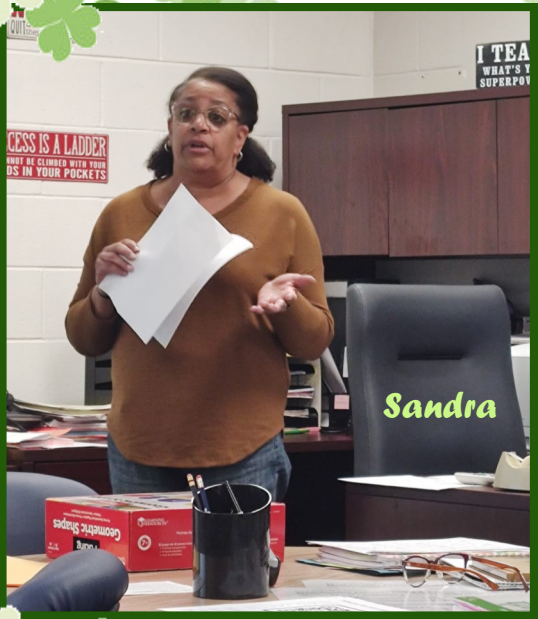




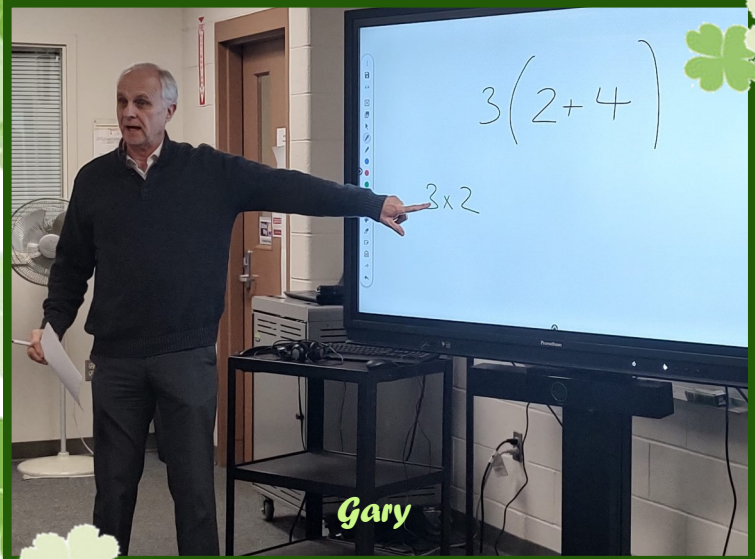
Pam



Diane



Sandra



Gary

Just some of the staff who attended the February Consortium meeting (with our CCN dana photobombing!).

Not pictured: Becky also presented.



Team Heartland

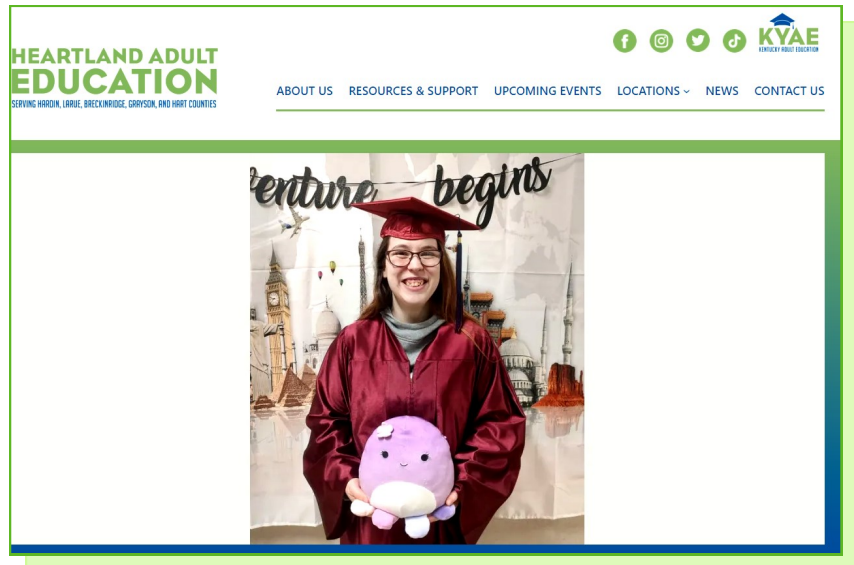


# heartlandGED.com

## Introducing our brand new website!

We still have some tweaks to make (and there will be more content forthcoming), but we hope that the new site will make it even easier for potential students and community partners to reach us.

Please visit and bookmark!



# Breckinridge Spotlight !!!



Here's a shout-out to Seth Harris, shown here working at the Breck GED office. His instructor, Sydney, says that Seth is diligent about his studies, coming into the office almost every day to study for his social studies test. In this picture, he is busy creating a Cause and Effect PowerPoint. When finished, he will present it to his study group.

We are so proud of his efforts and know he will succeed in reaching his goals. Way to go, Seth!

Heartland Adult Education Consortium

# Graduation

## MARCH 24

7:00 PM Graduates report to the  
GED office at 6:30 PM.

ECTC, RPC Building, Room 210

270.769.8866

2023

# FREE SATURDAY GED MATH CLASS

MARCH 18  
9-NOON


E'town Main Office 270.769.8866

Our website: [heartlandGED.com](http://heartlandGED.com)

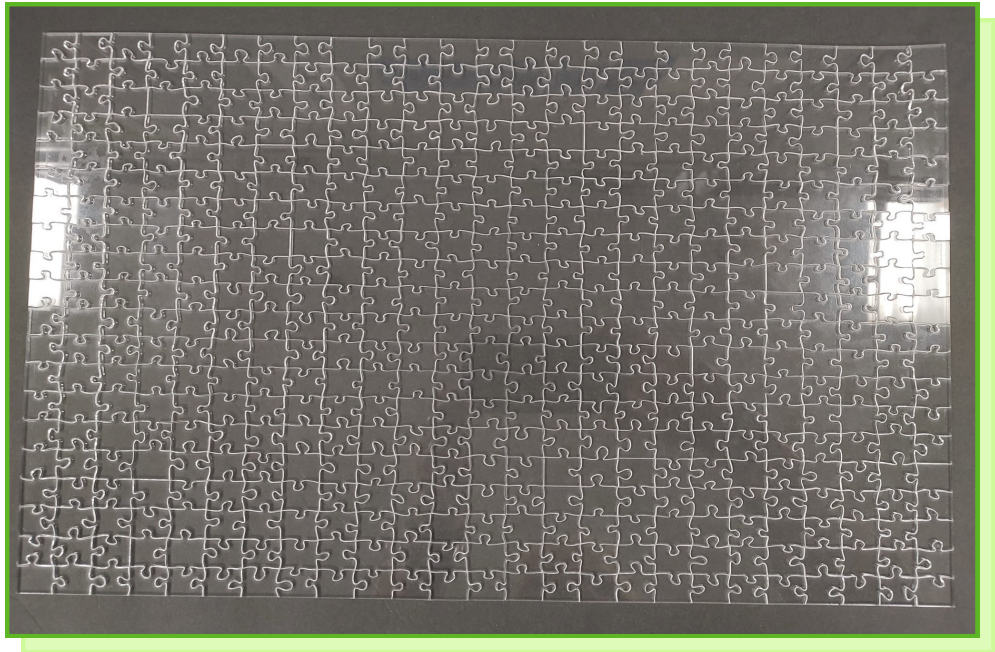


## Puzzling!

If you work here, you KNOW about Becky McGuffin's skill at working jigsaw puzzles. She is lightning quick and doesn't shy away from a challenge.

And then, there's **THIS**. 

Amanda Herndon and Diane Kelley bought this puzzle for her and the finished product is shown. As if a totally clear puzzle wasn't hard enough, it also had nine corners, five of which were fake and twenty extra straight pieces that didn't go on the outside. There's a reason we say Becky is a puzzle BEAST!



# SERVSAFE Update

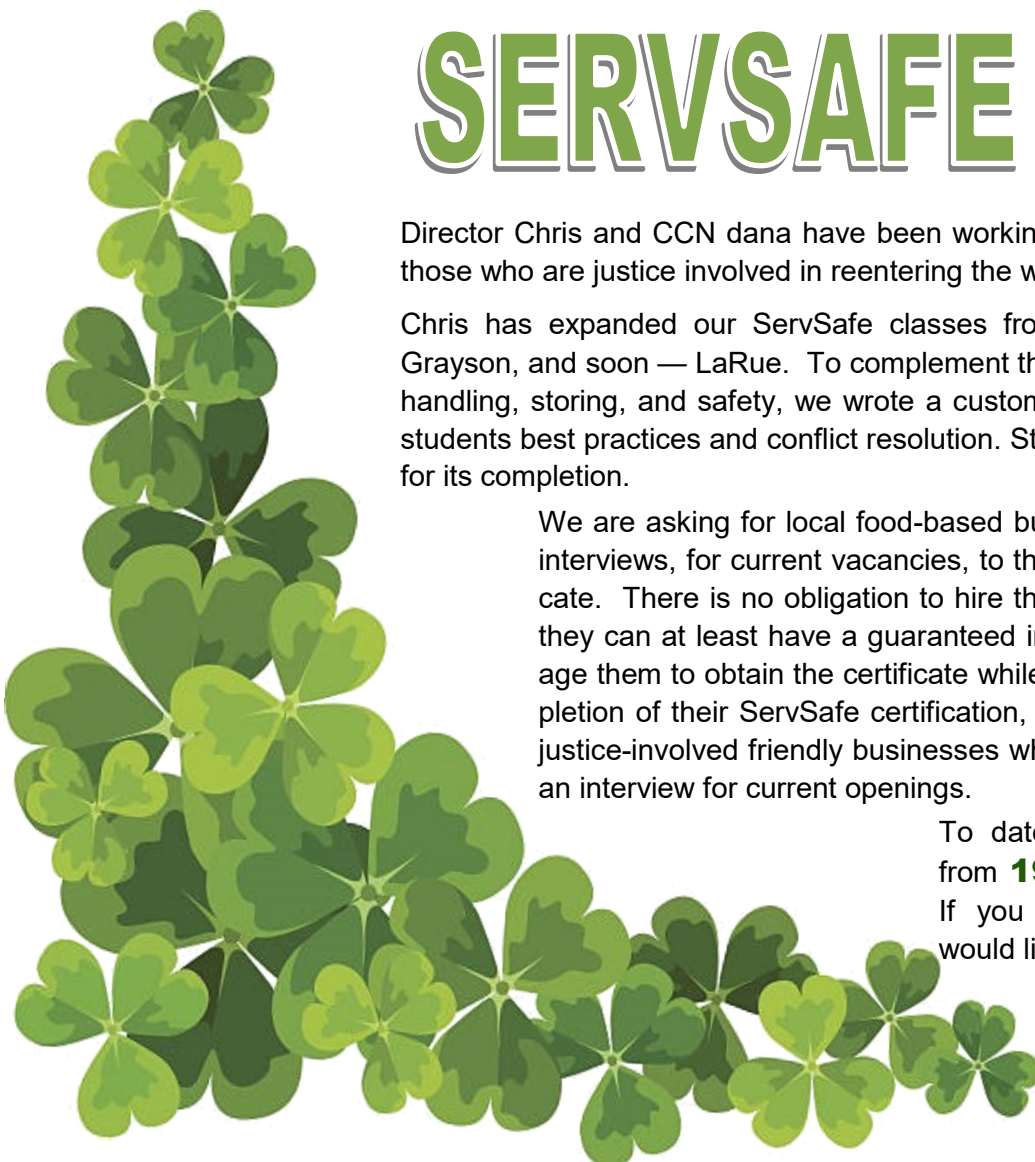
Director Chris and CCN dana have been working diligently on an initiative to assist those who are justice involved in reentering the world of work.

Chris has expanded our ServSafe classes from Hardin County to Breckinridge, Grayson, and soon — LaRue. To complement the lessons on safe food preparation, handling, storing, and safety, we wrote a customer service course that teaches the students best practices and conflict resolution. Students earn an additional certificate for its completion.

We are asking for local food-based businesses to partner with us to give interviews, for current vacancies, to those who present a ServSafe certificate. There is no obligation to hire the applicant, but the knowledge that they can at least have a guaranteed interview may be enough to encourage them to obtain the certificate while they are incarcerated. Upon completion of their ServSafe certification, they will be presented with a list of justice-involved friendly businesses who will, at the very least, grant them an interview for current openings.

To date, dana has received assurances from **19** local restaurants to be involved! If you know of any establishment that would like to be included, just email dana :

[dana.wolfe@hardin.kyschools.us](mailto:dana.wolfe@hardin.kyschools.us)







# MARCH



March's official flower is the daffodil (Narcissus). The month's gemstone is an aquamarine and March's tree is the alder. And, remember, Spring starts March 20th!

## Celebrate SOMETHING



### March 6

- National Frozen Food Day
- National Oreo Cookie Day

### March 7

- National Cereal Day

### March 8

- Working Women's Day
- National Proofreading Day

### March 9

- Barbie Day
- Popcorn Lover's Day – second Thursday

### March 10

- International Day of Awesomeness
- International Find a Pay Phone Booth Day
- Middle Name Pride Day

### March 13

- Chris Reed's Birthday 😊

# KUDOS

To instructor **Diane Kelley** and CCN **dana wolfe** from Hardin County GED Students, **Morrisah Lockhart**:

About her instructor, Diane: "Yesterday was everything and more than I hoped for ! Mrs. Diane is simply amazing , She was very understanding and patient with me . She explained everything down to the T. I am absolutely blessed to have her as my instructor for such a time as this."

About her CCN, dana: "Also, thank you for your encouragement and support. I truly appreciate everything ! It makes me excited and to work hard when you have good authentic people to support you. So thanks from the bottom of my heart."





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PUZZLE

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RATH

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ECSCUSS

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OSLAG

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DGE

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TETS

Grid for TETS.

CMRHA

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WJIAGS

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Our community partner, Helping Hand of Hope, recently had a ribbon cutting and rebranding event. They have a new logo and a website. They have been assisting people in Hardin County for many years and they are increasing their services, and their impact, every year. Visit their site to get help — or to donate/volunteer!

Services include: Assistance with rent, utilities, clothing, food, prescriptions, medical transportation, beds for children, and the affordable Christmas program, among others!

**Website:** [helpinghandofhope.org/](http://helpinghandofhope.org/)



**Helping Hand of Hope**

P.O. Box 642  
6796 South Wilson Road  
Elizabethtown, KY 42702

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon-Thurs 9AM – 4 PM  
Fri 9AM – 1PM  
(270) 769-3092



**Heartland  
Adult Education  
Consortium Locations**

**Hardin/LaRue**

(270) 769-8866  
ECTC Campus  
600 College Street Rd.  
OTB 300, Room 310  
Elizabethtown  
(Classes also In Radcliff)

**Breckinridge**

(270) 756-1730  
116 Old Highway 60  
Hardinsburg

**Grayson**

270.259.9038  
125 E. White Oak Street  
Leitchfield

**Hart**

(270) 524-1267  
230 Interstate Plaza Rd.  
Munfordville



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Check out our Facebook page for community resources, job fairs, employment opportunities, announcements, and plenty of encouragement! Please like the page and share any posts you think may be helpful for someone else. The more shares, the more people we may be able to help!

Please visit and like our other Consortium Facebook sites. See the QR codes on our webpage for easy access to the sites.

- ♥ **Grayson County Adult Education**
- ♥ **Hart County Adult Education**
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