

APRIL 2023

Heartland

HAPPENINGS

HARDIN — LARUE — BRECKINRIDGE — HART — GRAYSON



Chris Reed

Graduation
EDITION

April is Second Chance Month. Please see PAGE SIX to read about our efforts to assist in the successful reentry of the justice-involved.

Director's Corner

Spring is a time of new beginnings. The Earth erupts with new life, the days promise greater warmth, and even Keeneland opens for its Spring Meet! Just as the world changes, so too do our students as they work their way toward graduation. That journey isn't always easy, but almost nothing good comes easily.

April is Mathematics Awareness Month and this is a good time to give a shout out to our math teachers who battle the students' fears that are often inherent with the prospect of studying math – sometimes a very long time after the last time they regularly encountered it. Students completely comfortable with math are few and far between; it is more usual to hear that they are worried about their ability to pass the test. But, we have a multi-faceted plan for that.

First, we have a magnificent team of math teachers who not only teach math, they also do last-minute review sessions immediately before the student takes the test --- an option that has proven extremely successful. Not only is the student receiving last second math reminders, test taking advice, and calculator tips, but they also get support, encouragement, and counseling that can make a difference in the student's self-efficacy. Going into a potentially life-changing test with confidence can produce positive results.

This is coupled with the College and Career Navigator's constant cheerleading. She's been heard telling students who were worrying about math that they only need to look to graduation for inspiration. Almost every student who walks across that graduation stage, she tells them, was once in their shoes – worrying about their ability to do the necessary math. But, they ALL did it successfully. If they put in the work and dedication, our staff will educate and support them past math.....and straight through to graduation.

So, this month, our hats are off to those who take the very real fears of students and turn them around, resulting in justified pride and educational accomplishment.





dana wolfe

College and Career Navigator

Stem to Stern

Over a long career teaching adults, I've watched well over a thousand students walk across graduation stages in their caps and gowns to receive their diplomas. From high school students to decades worth of college students, every last ceremony was heartwarming and emotional, but there's just something even more special about watching a GED graduation.

Adult students have an untold number of obstacles in the way of their education. Children, spouses, jobs, and bills are just a few of the substantial hurdles that adult learners must face. Often, their education is on the back burner in order to take care of others in their lives. It is extremely difficult to get past these roadblocks, to juggle all the expectations and responsibilities, and to find the time to study for the potentially life changing tests. The pressure is intense and the road is not easy.

But, they persist. They somehow find the time and they buckle down to study things that they may not have seen in a dozen years. Think about it — when was the last time you multiplied exponents or graphed a line using $y=mx+b$? Yeah, me either.

As they walk across that stage, they are leaving behind all doubts in their abilities and are moving toward the doors that are now wide open to them. Their pride in their achievements is apparent and it is my pleasure, my honor, to be a small part of their journey. *Congratulations, Graduates!*

The Warm and Fuzzies

As an administrator in Frankfort, I don't often get a chance to personally interact with students. I was honored and humbled to do so at Hardin-LaRue County's GED graduation. Seeing the students in their bright red caps and gowns, and looking at the joyous, proud faces of their friends and families, I wondered about the obstacles they'd overcome to reach this stage — literally and figuratively. My heart was touched and my eyes teared up at their stories, so thankful for the support of program staff. I am so grateful for this opportunity to be reminded of the "why" in the work that we do.

— **Susan Hopkins**, College and Career Navigator Coordinator



APRIL FOOLS?

We aren't sure we are buying this, but History.com (the History Channel people) writes that the origin of April Fools' Day is linked to a change in the calendar. Read on....

"Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person."

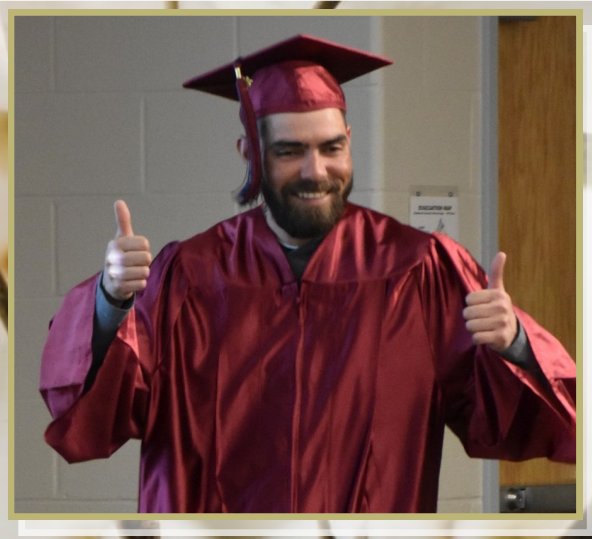
<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day>

Epic Corporate April Fools' Pranks from the Past (that fooled A LOT of people!)

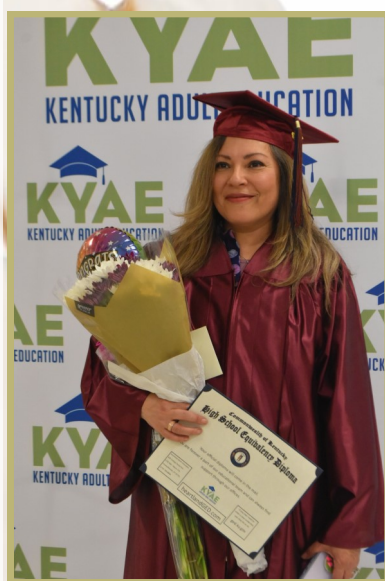
- ★ Burger King introduces the left-handed Whopper
- ★ Taco Bell buys the Liberty Bell
- ★ American Eagle launches line of dog clothing
- ★ Scope introduces bacon-flavored mouthwash
- ★ Richard Branson buys Pluto and reinstates its planet status
- ★ Big Ben goes digital
- ★ eharmony finds love for dogs
- ★ Ipsy offers glamorous eyelashes for goats
- ★ Budweiser enters the hotel business by renting out Clydesdale stables
- ★ Green Giant and Peeps team up to create cauliflower Bunny Peeps
- ★ Budweiser introduces Pizza flavored Bud Light Seltzer
- ★ Krispy Kreme releases Original Glazed Doughnut Spread
- ★ Coca-Cola introduce Avocado Coke
- ★ Burger King sells Whopper Toothpaste



Graduation 2023



Graduation



Adult Ed Works with Restaurants to Help Employ Students

By ANDREW HARP THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE March 11, 2023

Those working within Heartland Adult Education Consortium are expanding opportunities for those incarcerated looking to pursue work once they leave. The organization works with those currently incarcerated in detention centers in its five-county service area of Hardin, LaRue, Breckinridge, Grayson and Hart counties to help them earn their GED.

However, they also have other educational programs for inmates including integrated education training. This includes the ability to earn a ServSafe certificate, which is a three-week course. Restaurants are required to have at least one ServSafe certified employee on-site.

Chris Reed, director of Heartland Adult Education, said he has been working with his staff to expand these classes to all five counties. He said former director Diane Kelly began this program in Hardin County last year.

On top of the ServSafe courses, the group also has included its own courses on customer service to make the education even more well-rounded. "We're trying to provide more opportunities for people to have this certificate and make them more employable in the food industry," he said.

However, Reed said they wanted to go the extra step and try to somehow ensure their ServSafe students have places to apply for a job and put their new training to the test.

In an effort to secure interviews for inmates who complete the program, Dana Wolfe, college and career navigator, has been reaching out to restaurants in the five-county service region and partnering with them. The partners in turn agree to provide ServSafe students an interview if they have the certificate in hand.

"We're not asking for any promises except for that you will open that door and you will give them an interview," she said. A total of around 30 restaurants in the service area have agreed to be a part of the initiative, Wolfe said Friday. This list will be given to those who graduate the ServSafe program.

Donnie Simoneit, co-owner of Pappaw's BBQ and More, immediately became a partner when Wolfe called him about the project. He said as a formerly incarcerated person, he understands what it's like to try and find a job after leaving and rejoining the community.

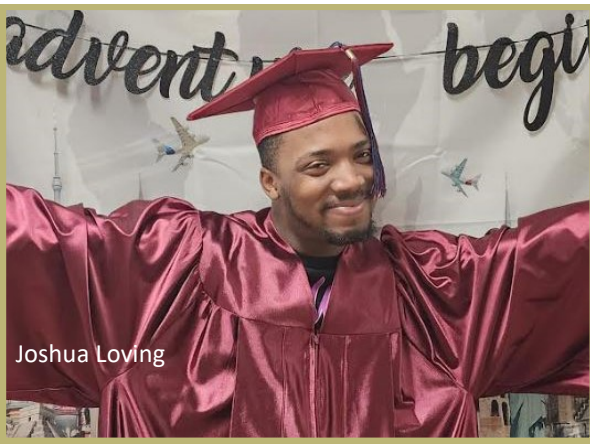
Not all students who work on ServSafe certificates are passionate about food service; however, considering local restaurants appear to be always hiring, it allows these students to find a job easily and help these businesses fill their staff, Wolfe said.

"It might not be the permanent solution, but it's a temporary solution that gets you back on your feet to get you back into society and be a contributing member to the community," Simoneit said.

When talking with those inmates who are working on ServSafe classes, Wolfe said they appear to be hopeful and glad that there are places they can go that won't immediately turn them away.

"They need to know that the community doesn't hate them," Simoneit said.

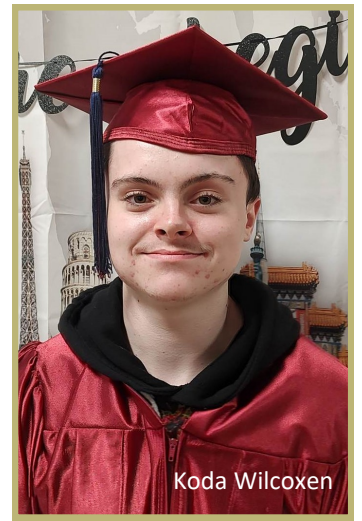




Joshua Loving



Raetialyn Indalecio and Sandra Singleton



Koda Wilcoxon



Hailey Wilcox



Shots from around the Consortium!



Candi Boyer



Andrea Sparrows and Holmes



Michelle Smith and Friend



The A Team: Amanda Herndon and Tina Anderson



dana wolfe

SATURDAY
FREE GED MATH
CLASS

APRIL 29: 9 am – NOON
 Amanda will be here this day for
 enrollment and/or testing.

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600 College Street Rd. 300 OTB Building, Room 310
 Elizabethtown, KY

April
 Fools
 Mini
 Puzzle



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- SURPRISE
- LAUGHTER
- FOOL
- HOAX
- PRANK
- APRIL
- TRICK
- WACKY
- SILLY
- JOKE
- FIRST
- BAMBOOZLE





BlueOval SK



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



- ▶ BlueOval SK Battery Park crews have already moved 6.2 million cubic yards of soil, enough to fill 290 American football stadiums.
- ▶ BlueOval City workers have already moved enough soil to fill the Hoover Dam twice.
- ▶ Construction at BlueOval City and BlueOval SK Battery Park is on schedule and production begins in 2025.

Photo and Stats Source: BlueOval SK Community Newsletter: March 2023

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

