

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY
Baptist Health Hardin's Wellness on Wheels mobile health unit, 9:30 a.m.–noon, Warm Blessings community kitchen, 609 E. Dixie Ave., E'town. Basic health care screenings including, height, weight, blood pressure and body mass index measurements, as well as screenings for thyroid function, cholesterol, glucose levels and anemia. POC: 270-706-5540.
Cooking through the Calendar, 1-2 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Dayna Fentress, county extension agent for family and consumer services, will present this month's recipe, Parmesan Carrot Chips. POC: 270-769-6337.
Styrofoam Ball Ornaments, 3-4 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Registration required at forms.gle/oQM5c7bnYd6GvBvQ9. POC: 270-769-6337.
Resources and Community Support meeting, 3:30 p.m., Hardin County Government Building, 150 N. Provident Way, E'town. POC: 270-765-2350.
Hope for the Holidays Family Series, Grief and Gratitude in the Season of Thanksgiving, 4-5:15 p.m., Hosparus Health Central Kentucky, 105 Diecks Drive, E'town. Support, sharing and conversation that help navigate the season. Practical suggestions for coping. POC: 888-345-8197 to sign up for individual sessions or the full series.
Radcliff Tourism Commission, 4 p.m., Radcliff Tourism office, 562 N. Dixie Blvd., Radcliff. POC: 270-352-1204.
Elizabethtown City Council meeting, 4:30 p.m., Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St., E'town. POC: 270-765-6121.
Christmas Village at the Brown-Pusey, 5-10 p.m. nightly through Dec. 25. Stroll through the historic Brown-Pusey Gardens with twinkling lights and festive charm. POC: 270-765-2515.
Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m., St. Stephen Baptist Church, 757 S. Woodland Drive, Radcliff. Connection time starts at 5:15 p.m. Find help, hope and healing for your hurts, hang-ups and habits. POC: Richard Lockette, 270-401-7400.
Elizabethtown Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m., Panther Academy, 634 N. Mulberry St., E'town. POC: 270-765-6146.
Vine Grove Planning and Zoning meeting, 6 p.m., Vine Grove City Hall, 300 W. Main St., Vine Grove. POC: 270-877-2422.
Hardin County Playhouse presents Richard O'Brien's "The Rocky Horror Show" auditions, 6:30 p.m., Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Science Auditorium, 615 College Street Road, E'town. Auditions are open to those 21 and older for main cast roles and 18 and older for ensemble roles. Those unable to attend in person may submit a self-tape audition through Tuesday. POC: hcprockyhorror-show@gmail.com.
West Point Code Enforcement meeting, 7 p.m., 209 N. 13th St., West Point. POC: 502-922-4260.

TUESDAY
Radcliff Small Business Alliance Veteran Showcase, set up 9-10:30 a.m., event begins at 11 a.m., Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff. Share products, services and stories with the community while connecting with other local business leaders. POC: radcliffbsba.wildapricot.org.
Senior Citizens Nutrition Group, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff. Pinochle, Bingo, Rook, Hand and Foot or Scrabble. Lunch between 11-11:30 a.m. Transportation through CATS, 800-242-8225. POC: 270-351-4079.
Ancestral Trails Historical Society research library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 201 W. Dixie Ave., E'town. POC: 270-982-0881.
Brown-Pusey House is open for tours and genealogy research, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 128 N. Main St., E'town. POC: 270-765-2515.
Mock Interview Workshops,

10 a.m., Kentucky Career Center-Bardstown, 860 W. Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown. Dress to impress, be prepared to brush up on interview skills. No sign up necessary. POC: 270-766-5115.
RESEA Orientation Classes, 10 a.m., Kentucky Career Center-Lincoln Trail, 233 Ring Road, Suite 100, E'town. Developing an individualized employment plan, personalized career and labor market insights, resume writing, interview prep, identifying options to achieve higher income and sustainable employment and aiding prompt re-entry into the labor force. POC: ltcareer-center.org.
Hardin County Water District No. 2 monthly board meeting, 11 a.m., 1951 West Park Road, E'town. POC: 270-737-1056.
Hardin County Water District No. 1 Board of Commissioners special meeting, 11:30 a.m., district offices, 1400 Rogersville Road, Radcliff POC: 270-351-3222.
Let's Talk Tuesdays Online Job Fair, 1-3:30, LTCareerCenter.org/jobfair. Be prepared to upload a pdf of a resume. POC: 270-766-5115.
Explore Genealogy, 3-4 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Interested in exploring family history? Learn the basics and share information together. Facilitated by Ancestral Trails Historical Society. POC: 270-769-6337.
Finance Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m., Hardin County Government Building, 150 N. Provident Way, E'town. POC: 270-765-2350.
Knights of Columbus bingo, 312 E. Main St., Vine Grove. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m. Full-service kitchen. POC: John Pike, 270-307-1499.
Radcliff City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., city hall, 411 W. Lincoln Trail Blvd., Radcliff. POC: 270-351-4714.
Elizabethtown Chess Club meeting, 6 p.m., Family Buffet, 121 Towne Drive, E'town. POC: Johnny Owens, 270-272-3061.
Just for Fun Book Club, 6-7 p.m., offsite. Register by noon the Wednesday prior to the meeting at forms.gle/xs3jsa1Mw2GgJ8oS7 to receive information about meetup location. This month's selection is "The American Heiress" by Daisy Goodwin.
Environmental Assessment Public Hearing, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Hardin County Extension Office, 111 Opportunity Way, E'town, concerning the proposed extension of Ky. 3005, Ring Road, from Western Kentucky Parkway to U.S. 31W, with a new I-65 Interchange in Hardin County. Materials available for review and representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and its partners will be available to answer questions. POC: Joseph Ferguson, 502-764-0721.
Ostomy support group, 6 p.m., auditorium, Baptist Health Hardin, 913 N. Dixie Ave., E'town. Education, guest speakers and fellowship led by a team of experienced wound and ostomy nurses. Anyone living with an ostomy is invited to attend, along with their families and caregivers. Light refreshments served. Free. Park in the garage and enter the main lobby through Entrance A. Take Elevator A to the fifth floor and look for signs to the auditorium. POC: 270-706-1719.
Vine Grove Historical Society, 6 p.m., Vine Grove City Hall, 300 W. Main St, Vine Grove. Light refreshments provided. POC: info@vghist.org.
Gilded Tongues Toastmasters Club meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 306 N. Wilson Road, Radcliff, Guests welcome. POC: TW Shortt, twshortt@gmail.com.
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Since childhood, general manager known for benevolence

BY AMY SMITH
THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

Whether breaking records in retail sales, scoring the winning points for his high school soccer team or watching the numbers climb at the dealership he manages, Justin Collins is one motivated individual.
Stephen Montgomery, one of Collins' oldest friends, said his motivation isn't ego-driven but comes from the heart of a servant-leader.
"The best word to describe him is humble," Montgomery said. "Especially in the car business, it is easy to have an ego. Justin smiles and quietly goes about his business. By all metrics, he runs a very successful business, is a loving husband and father, and is a friend to all."
After Montgomery's father offered him a place in the auto dealership business, Collins steadily climbed the ladder to general manager of Big M Chevrolet in Radcliff.
"I enjoy that it's people and always something different," Collins said of his job. "It can be highly stressful, but I feel I do well under pressure, and I'm able to use that."
Collins, who grew up in Hardin County, sees the bigger picture and the ripple effect that managing a successful business can have on the community.
"Watching how much the store has grown over the years and seeing how many lives we can impact has been a big piece of the puzzle," Collins said. "It can go much further than we realize."
Montgomery sees Collins interacting with customers and employees alike.
"Most people in his position hide behind the title. Justin talks to all customers and employees whether the situation is pleasant or not," Montgomery said. "He is a great coach. He doesn't ask his employees to do anything he hasn't already done or isn't willing to do. He is also on the cutting edge of all modern automotive practices."
Collins not only carries the responsibility of caring for his own family but feels the weight of others who depend on him and his leadership.
"With running a dealership, there are so many people who depend on you," Collins said. "I have my family at home, but then here (at work), there are 15 families. I try to make sure everything keeps going smoothly and everyone is doing good. I try to keep money in their pockets."
Relating the story of how he befriended a lonely boy at school, Collins' mother,



Submitted

Justin Collins and his sister, Jaelee Collins, enjoy a night in Rome during a family vacation touring Europe.



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Justin Collins shares breakfast with his daughter, Adalyn, at the Ronald McDonald House while his youngest daughter recovers from heart surgery.



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Justin Collins and his wife, Kera, visit the Dominican Republic.

GETTING TO KNOW JUSTIN

Family: Justin Collins is married to Kera Collins. They have three daughters.
Career: General manager of Big M Chevrolet in Radcliff
Education: Bachelor's in marketing from the University of Louisville with a minor in business management.
Interesting fact: He helped to found the Hardin County Bourbon Club
Favorite place visited: Rome and Switzerland
Bucket list: Continue to travel, see different things and meet different people.
Community involvement: Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, past Membership chairman for Radcliff Rotary Club, Warriors' Warehouse and local Christmas toy drives.

Tara Thomas, said since his youth, Collins has always looked out for others.
"Justin has been a giver and big proponent for those often forgotten about since a he was young," Thomas said. "He also won the Good Character Award multiple years growing up."
At the dealership, Collins finds great joy in seeing loans approved for clients who were turned down at other car lots.
"I miss working car deals. We do a lot of sub-prime

credit and work car deals for people who might need someone to show them how to buy a car, and we do a really good job with that," Collins said. "I've seen people cry they are so happy. Getting them a ride is something that makes their day."
Collins takes advantage of every opportunity he can to help others in the community as noted by Montgomery.
"Justin is a sucker for kids and has never said no to

a fundraiser supporting the northern Hardin County kids," Montgomery said.
Thomas also sees her son's generosity.
"While taking care of a family of five and working extremely hard as a general manager for one of the largest dealerships in the area, Justin makes time to give back to the community helping to organize fundraisers, Christmas gift donations and being an example of good stewardship for his employees, family and friends," Thomas said. "Justin loves his community."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Monday, Nov. 17**, the 321st day of 2025. There are 44 days left in the year.
On this day in 1800, Congress held its first session in the partially completed U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.
In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.
In 1968, the last minutes of a tense NFL matchup on NBC between the New York Jets and the Oakland Raiders were preempted by the children's film "Heidi." The network received thousands of calls from angry viewers and formally apologized.
In 1973, President Richard Nixon told a gathering of Associated Press managing editors at a televised news conference in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their

president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."
In 1989, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Czechoslovakian students demonstrated in Prague against Communist rule. Hundreds of thousands joined the protests in the following days. Dubbed the "Velvet Revolution" for its nonviolent nature, the protests led to the resignation of the Communist Party's leadership on Nov. 28 that year.
In 1997, 62 people, most of them foreign tourists, were killed when militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt. The attackers were killed by police.
In 2003, Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Austrian-born actor who had become one of America's biggest movie stars of the 1980s and '90s, was sworn in as the

38th governor of California.
In 2020, President Donald Trump fired the nation's top election security official, Christopher Krebs, who had refuted Trump's unsubstantiated claims of electoral fraud and vouched for the integrity of the vote.
Today's Birthdays: Film director Martin Scorsese is 83. Actor-model Lauren Hutton is 82. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 81. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim is 81. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 81. Basketball Hall of Famer Elvin Hayes is 80. Film director Roland Joffe is 80. Actor Stephen Root is 74. TV host-entertainer RuPaul is 65. Actor Dylan Walsh is 62. TV host-model Daisy Fuentes is 59. R&B singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 58. Actor Rachel McAdams is 47.