

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**MONDAY**

Baptist Health Hardin's Well-ness 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.

Lincoln Trail Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees annual Christmas celebration, 11:30 a.m., Shoney's, 1046 Executive Drive, E'town. This is a revised date and location for this meeting. Members are encouraged to wear KPR shirts and bring a \$15 wrapped Dirty Santa gift. POC: Sandy Allen, 270-307-0061.

Planning Holiday and Celebration Meals on a Budget, 3-4 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. This meal plan focuses on creating joyful and delicious holiday celebrations while staying mindful of a budget by using family favorites, colorful ingredients and smart preparation techniques. Register at forms.gle/3N21HCP7mfAefyer 9. 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, Tapping Resilience: Managing Expectations and Holiday Stress, 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.

Heartland Harp Ensemble with Heartland Fillies Performance, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. POC: 270-769-6337.

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.

The 35th annual Christmas in the Park, 6-11 p.m., Freeman Lake Park. More than 110 displays from the city of Elizabethtown and local community partners. Free, donations accepted to benefit electricity costs and adding displays and updates each year. POC: 270-234-8258.

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.

Public hearing, 6 p.m., City Hall, 300 West Main Street, Vine Grove, for a zone map amendment request. POC: Aaron Robertson, 270-877-2422.

Vine Grove Planning and Zoning public hearing and meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 300 W. Main St., Vine Grove, for a zone map amendment request. POC: Aaron Robertson, 270-877-2422.

West Point Code Enforcement meeting, 7 p.m., 209 N. 13th St., West Point. POC: 502-922-4260.

**TUESDAY**

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.

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: ltcareercenter.org.

Hardin County Water District No. 2 monthly board meeting, 11 a.m., 1951 West Park Road, E'town. POC: 270-737-1056.

Radcliff Small Business Alliance December Luncheon, networking and lunch, 11:30 a.m.-noon, meeting, noon-1 p.m., Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff. Meal provided by Tiffany's Café, 2024 year in review and announcement of the 2026 RSBA president. Business gift exchange, bring a small business-friendly gift valued at \$10 to participate in the holiday exchange. Lunch sponsor is State Sen. Matt Deneen, who will speak on legislation impacting businesses. POC: radcliffbsa.wildapricot.org.

Meet the Employer, 10 a.m.-noon, Kentucky Career Center, 233 Ring Road, Suite 100, E'town. SRM Transport Services, 25 and older, valid drivers license, four panel drug screening, pay rate starting at \$21.25 per hours. No Appointment necessary. POC: 502-764-2215.

Let's Talk Tuesday online job fair, hosted by Kentucky Career Center-Lincoln Trail, 1 to 3:30 p.m.. Job seekers are invited to connect virtually with employers. POC: Job seeker registration is required at LTCareer-Center.org/JobFair. Interested employers call 270-766-5115.

Explore Genealogy, 3-4 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Come and learn the basics of exploring family history 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.

Elizabethtown Chess Club meeting, 6 p.m., Family Buffet, 121 Towne Drive, E'town. POC: Johnny Owens, 270-272-3061.

Estate Planning Workshop, 6 p.m., Kentucky Estate Planning Law Center, 108 E. Poplar St., E'town. Learn about the seven threats to an estate plan. Free. POC: Register at humphries-law.org/workshops.

'Just for Fun' Book Club, 6-7 p.m., offsite. Register by noon the Wednesday prior to the meeting at forms.gle/xs3jsa1Mw2GgJ8oS 7 to receive information about meetup location. This month's selection, "Christmas Bells" by Jennifer Chiaverini. POC: 270-769-6337.

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.

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.

Radcliff City Council special called meeting, 5:30 p.m., at Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff, and streamed on the city's official Facebook Page – City of Radcliff Government POC: 270-351-4714.

Retiring physician passes legacy to children, colleagues

BY AMY SMITH  
THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

The end of December marks the end of Dr. K. John Yun's practice in Elizabethtown.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Yun immigrated to the U.S. in 1971 and was planning a career in academia when he decided to accept an invitation to meet with Dr. Bruce Wolf.

"When I was getting out in 1991, I actually looked for an academic position, but then a recruiter called me and said I had to go see Dr. Wolf," Yun said. "I came on Thanksgiving Day, 1991. I landed in Louisville, rented a car and asked for directions to Elizabethtown."

The meeting went well, and Yun signed a one-year contract.

"About six months through, I asked him if he wanted me to stay. If he didn't, I was going to leave Kentucky," Yun said. "He said he wanted me to stay, and six months turned into 34 years. Dr. Wolfe was a wonderful person and a great guy. He had such a good reputation, all I had to do was follow in his footsteps."

Saving countless lives, the duo performed many impressive surgeries.

"Between the two of us, with our skills put together, we have done some amazing university-caliber surgeries," Yun said. "I've seen some miracles happen with some of the cancer patients, and they came through. I still see patients 20 or 30 years out from their cancer surgery, and they are just coming in for a checkup just once a year."

Yun said it is those kinds of things that keep him going.

He and Wolf made an agreement early in their partnership to not base their services on availability of money.

"Dr. Wolf and I made a pact early on that no matter what the reimbursement schedules were, we would take care of all the soldiers' dependents," Yun said. "It was a good thing. We tried to do something for the country, what little we could do. 20 to 30 years later, I run into patients, and it brings back memories."

After Wolf retired in 2016, Yun continued the private practice until joining Baptist Health two years ago.

Anesh Badiwala, MD, who serves as the executive regional medical director for Baptist Health Medical Group – Hardin said it's an honor to recognize Yun as he celebrates his retirement.

"Dr. Yun exemplifies the highest standards of our profession: smart, hardworking, trustworthy and unwavering in his commitment to putting patients first," Badiwala said. "His clinical excellence and integrity have contributed to shaping patient care in Elizabethtown for decades, earning him the respect of colleagues, families and generations of patients."

Badiwala recognized the profound effect Yun has had on the community.

"... His legacy will continue to inspire all of us who have had the privilege to work alongside him," Badiwala said.

Yun said his lifestyle was set by his decision to become a surgeon, and now is the time for him to retire.

"If you think about it, the last 34 years, I think I've worked harder than a resident. Being a resident is rough, but being here, it's just the nature of where we are," Yun said.

Yun's three adult children inherited their father's love for medicine.

"I told them not to go into medicine for money, they had to have passion and compassion," Yun said. "I've told that to my associates as well. Do what you've been taught to do, and do your best."

After retirement, Yun is considering revisiting his dream of an academic career.



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**Dr. John Yun of Baptist Health Hardin prepares to leave his career of 34 years. "I kind of chose this practice because Dr. Wolf and I could do a lot of things here," Yun said. "Between the two of us, with our skills put together, we have done some amazing university-caliber surgeries."**



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GETTING TO KNOW JOHN YUN

Career: Retiring from 34 years as an ENT physician and surgeon  
Family: John Yun and his wife, Hannah, have three grown children.  
Hobbies: Traveling and playing golf  
Community and organizational involvement: Board member of the ECTC Foundation, chair of the board of Korean/American Medical Associates, Kentucky Medical Association, Kentucky ENT Society, AMA and American ENT Society  
Education: Graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, with a bachelor's in arts majoring in biology and sociology with honors; attended graduate school at University of Minnesota with a major in genetics and cell biology (Recombinant DNA Research); received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Minnesota, School of Medicine; did his internship in general surgery at West Virginia University, School of Medicine and served his residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at West Virginia University, School of Medicine.

"A lot of people have told me I should write a book, but I'm not a writer. However, I would like to pass on what I've learned over the past four decades to the younger guys," Yun said. "And so, maybe, my next step would be a teaching job, maybe part-time at a VA facility where I could train interns."

NOMINATE A MONDAY'S MAN

To submit a nomination for a Monday's Man, email [asmith@the-newsenterprise.com](mailto:asmith@the-newsenterprise.com).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Monday, Dec. 15**, the 349th day of 2025. There are 16 days left in the year.

**On this day in 1791**, the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

**In 1890**, Hunkpapa Lakota Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a confrontation with Indian agency police.

**In 1939**, the Civil War motion picture epic "Gone with the Wind," starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable, had its world premiere in Atlanta.

**In 1944**, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to

Paris.

**In 1967**, the Silver Bridge between Gallipolis, Ohio, and Point Pleasant, West Virginia, collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 46 people.

**In 2011**, the flag used by U.S. forces in Iraq was lowered in a Baghdad airport ceremony, marking the formal end of the American military mission in that country. The war left 110,000 Iraqis and 4,500 Americans dead.

**In 2013**, Nelson Mandela was laid to rest in a state funeral, ending a 10-day mourning period for South Africa's first Black president. Mandela died on Dec. 5 of that year at the age of 95.

**In 2016**, a federal jury in Charleston, South Carolina, convicted Dylann Roof of the racist killings of nine Black church members who had welcomed him into

their Bible study gathering. The following year he would become the first person in the U.S. sentenced to death for a federal hate crime, a sentence upheld in 2021.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 86. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 86. Baseball Hall of Fame manager Jim Leyland is 81. Actor Don Johnson is 76. Film and theater director Julie Taymor is 73. Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia is 71. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 70. Actor and filmmaker Lee Jung-jae is 53. Actor Adam Brody is 46. Actor Michelle Dockery is 44. Actor Charlie Cox is 43. Actor Camilla Luddington is 42. Rock musician and actor Alana Haim is 34. Actor Maude Apatow is 28.