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Campaign is winding down for Taul and Duvall

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For Hardin County Judge-Executive Keith Taul and Radcliff Mayor J.J. Duvall, weekends filled with attending as many community festivals and events as possible soon will come to an end.

Early voting began Thursday and the election concludes Tuesday. And both men seeking to lead county government are ready for the campaigning to be over and done.

“I’m feeling cautiously optimistic,” said Taul, the Republican incumbent. “We’ve had a great response as we’ve shared the

many accomplishments of the past four years and our vision for the next four.”

There is still work to be done, Taul added, but he says he feels good about where the campaign is heading.

Duvall says the energy and encouragement received from people all across the county has been incredible.

“I feel great. We’ve worked extremely hard throughout this campaign, and I’m proud of the positive message and vision we’ve shared,” Duvall said. “I’m confident in my experience, my record

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Hardin County Judge-Executive Keith Taul announced back in May his intent to seek re-election.



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Radcliff Mayor J.J. Duvall is challenging Keith Taul for judge-executive of Hardin County.



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Mark Brackett gives a treat to one of the Scottish Highlands on the farm run by he and his wife, Tricia Brackett. The couple opposes a rezoning request that would allow commercial development next to their 65-acre farm.

Family remains committed to fight proposed Dollar General

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The rescheduled public hearing surrounding a rezoning request by Rafferty Development is set for 5 p.m. Nov. 17 in the Fiscal Court chambers on third floor of the Hardin County Government Building.

The development group has requested that two acres at 2305 Hodgenville Road be rezoned from R1 (residential) to C1 (commercial) for construction of a Dollar General on the property. Rafferty Development submitted new documentation before the 4 p.m. deadline Monday.

The request has been met with opposition from nearby residents, including Tricia and Mark Brackett, who own and operate Brackett Family Farms, 65 acres that adjoin the property, and are home to 19 Scottish Highland cows.

The couple has focused their attention on farm tours and a food drive over the past couple of weeks.

“We’ve still been talking to anyone that would listen and reshaping the petition over and over,” Tricia Brackett said. “We definitely feel like we have more support now than before.”

Initially, a public hearing was scheduled for Oct. 13. Rafferty

Development withdrew the request around midday of the public hearing date, which resulted in its cancellation. Later that afternoon, they refiled the application with the same plans previously submitted, but added their engineering firm to the application.

Monday was the deadline for any new documents to be filed in order to keep the Nov. 17 hearing date. Should any further documents be filed, the public hearing will be rescheduled again.

Rafferty Development has yet to reply to any requests for comment in

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A collection of greeting cards is being assembled by the Hardin County Public Library for distribution to residents of a local healthcare facility. Donations are welcomed and handcrafted cards can be made at a monthly Cards for Community class offered by the library.

Librarian needs help to reach goal of cards

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Amy Rivera, children’s librarian at the Hardin County Public Library, carried a stack of about 50 greeting cards that have been made since the early part of May.

Her goal is to get enough cards that each resident of a local healthcare facility will receive one and brighten their day. The idea is to let them know they are remembered and that they matter.

“I’ve been offering the (card-making) program once a month, for a lot of months ... I thought that it would be a little quicker to gather the right number of cards,” Rivera said.

The magic number she’s seeking is 124. That is how many residents are at Signature Healthcare, 1850 Veterans Way, Elizabethtown. Rivera reached out to multiple facilities but Signature Healthcare was the only one to respond.

“That’s who I’m going to focus on,” she said.

Taking longer than Rivera expected, the cards can be generic greeting cards; they can have a holiday flair, anything with an uplifting, “Hello,” or “You are being thought of,” type of message.

“We don’t know who does still have family, or doesn’t, or doesn’t really get to receive anything by way of cards or letters,” Rivera said. “I thought this would be a nice way to offer a little sunshine in their day. My hope is, maybe they’ll hang it up in their room, and that way be reminded every day that they were thought of.”

At the rate the collection process is taking, the children’s librarian is concerned it may take close to a year to get the amount needed. Rivera said she pictured the idea catching on much more quickly than it has,

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