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Fiscal Court nears decision concerning shelter oversight

It's in contract discussion with It Takes A Village rescue based in Evansville

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Daviess Fiscal Court is working through the final details of an agreement for It Takes A Village, an animal rescue organization based in Evansville, to take on oversight of the Daviess County Animal Shelter.

"I guess you could say conceptually It Takes a Village is who we've selected, but the details are to be worked out, and we don't have a contract between them," Daviess County Judge-Executive Charlie Castlen said. "We have told the employees — we're trying to keep them informed — and we are working on a (contract draft)



Charlie Castlen
Daviess County judge-executive

that would be suitable to send over to It Takes A Village."

Daviess Fiscal Court has been weighing what direction to go with the shelter since a change was made to its spay-neuter policy earlier this year. The court sent out requests for proposals from area rescues that were interested in taking on the operation of the shelter, and those entities that submitted proposals but were not chosen have been informed Fiscal Court



Janie Marksberry



Chris Castlen



Larry Conder

has made its selection and is working to finalize a deal.

"I would call it still almost a negotiation phase," Castlen said. "If we can't come to an agreement that works for both parties, then we'll reject all."

Castlen said Fiscal Court staff is using other communities' shelter documents

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MUHLENBERG COUNTY

2 doctors have their medical licenses revoked

Physicians were running a drug treatment practice in Central City

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Two physicians who were part of the medical team at a Muhlenberg County practice that specializes in substance abuse treatment have had their medical licenses revoked by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

Dr. Barry G. Hardison and Dr. William K. Vincent, who both practice at A New Start in Central City at the time complaints were filed against them, each had their licenses revoked on Nov. 27.

The revocation came after an investigation into how they prescribed medications to people with opioid addiction and addiction to methamphetamine, according to documents obtained from the Board of Medical Licensure website. Both have the right to appeal.

The medical licenses were revoked immediately upon issuing of the orders. The revocation orders for both say: "It is the (Medical Licensure) Panel's

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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Musk and Ramaswamy bring Trump's DOGE to Capitol Hill

BY LISA MASCARO
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WASHINGTON — Billionaire Elon Musk and fellow entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy spent several hours Thursday swapping ideas with lawmakers about President-elect Donald Trump's DOGE initiative to dismantle parts of the federal government.

Meeting behind closed doors at the Capitol, Musk told the mostly Republican lawmakers they would be keeping a "naughty and nice" list of those who join in the budget slashing proposals and those who don't, according to lawmakers who attended.

"We're going to see a lot of change around here in Washington," said House Speaker Mike Johnson, as Musk, with his young

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Jeremy Griffin, an employee with The Salvation Army of Owensboro, rings a bell while greeting customers with a smile as they donate to the organization's Red Kettle campaign outside the entrance of Sam's Club on Thursday at 5240 Frederica St.

Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign in full swing

Fundraising goal set for \$126,000

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With the holiday season in full swing, The Salvation Army of Owensboro is actively seeking help for those in need throughout Daviess, Hancock, McLean and Ohio counties with its annual Red Kettle campaign.

The nationwide and worldwide effort, dating back to 1891, kicked off locally on Nov. 16.

Lt. Victor Haworth, who has been overseeing the Owensboro Corps with his wife, Capt. Carla Haworth, since June 2023, took on his first campaign in nearly three decades last year.

In 2023, the Haworths set a goal of raising \$180,033 with the theme "three for Christmas" in mind — which was accounting for all 60,011 people residing in Owensboro to donate \$3.

While it was under the mark

of the anticipated goal, Haworth said he was satisfied with the effort.

"Last year, we did just under \$120,000," Haworth said. "... The previous year, (The Salvation Army of Owensboro) had done \$73,000, I think, so we were very happy with the \$120,000."

For 2024, Haworth said the goal has been readjusted to \$126,000, which has been making some headway.

"... As of yesterday (Wednesday), we are right at \$46,000 raised," he said. "... Right now, based on the pace, we're right at \$3,300 a day (on) average."

"It's lagging a little bit, ... but we usually see these things pick up the closer we get to Christmas."

Haworth said some of the changes to this year's campaign revolved around kettle locations where bell ringers stand outside to attract potential donors.

There was a total of 18 locations in 2023 — an increase of six from 2022. Currently, the num-

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ber has been cut to 13. "I hadn't taken into account that there are certain stores that you used to be able to put a kettle in front of, and there was enough foot traffic in front of those locations that it would bring a good kettle and pay for the worker at the same time," Haworth said of last year's campaign. "... Per location, we were hitting targets; we just had fewer actual profitable locations that I was hoping for."

Jeremy Griffin, who works as a custodian for The Salvation Army, decided to become a bell ringer after being offered the opportunity by Haworth.

Despite temperatures being in

the mid-20s on Thursday, Griffin made it a point to make conversation with each person going into Sam's Club off Frederica Street, where he was stationed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is my first time ever doing bell ringing actually," he said. "I've never really done it before and I happened to have an open schedule outside my music ministry stuff."

"It kind of worked out where I can just do my own thing here and help out wherever I'm needed," he said. "... It's been a really great time being part of this ministry ..."

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