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Marcena Carter owns and drives the Sacks Ice Cream truck around town.

Ice cream truck always a welcome sight during hot-weather months

By ALONZO WESTON
News-Press NOW

Some call her the ice cream lady, others know her by the “ding-ding” sound her truck makes.

However you know her, the ice cream is always a welcome sight, maybe even more so in these trying times, said Marcena Carter, Sacks Ice Cream truck driver and owner.

“It’s a breath of fresh air to everyone. They love to see me pull up,” Carter said. “Everyone says it’s so nice to see something positive in

these trying times.”

Carter’s brother ran an ice cream truck in their Osceola, Iowa, hometown for 30 years. He gave her one of his trucks, and Carter has been selling ice cream from the 1974 Chevy service truck in the area for two years.

The truck is festooned with colorful pictures of her wares. There are the traditional bomb pops and fudgesicles along with superhero ice cream treats. SpongeBob popsicles are the biggest sellers, Carter said.

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State rep steps away from career

Solon set to retire from Missouri House of Representatives as avocate for St. Joseph

By MARK ZINN
News-Press NOW

After four terms and almost eight years, State Rep. Sheila Solon is getting ready to retire from the Missouri House of Representatives.

A Republican who currently represents portions of Andrew and Buchanan counties, Solon came to northwest Missouri after losing a reelection bid as a state representative for Blue Springs.

“I’m the only person in the history of the State of Missouri who has represented two totally different districts,” said Solon. “I represented (Blue Springs) for six years, then my husband got a job at R/S Electric here in St. Joe.”

Solon called the decision to run for the House again the “biggest leap of faith” that she has ever taken



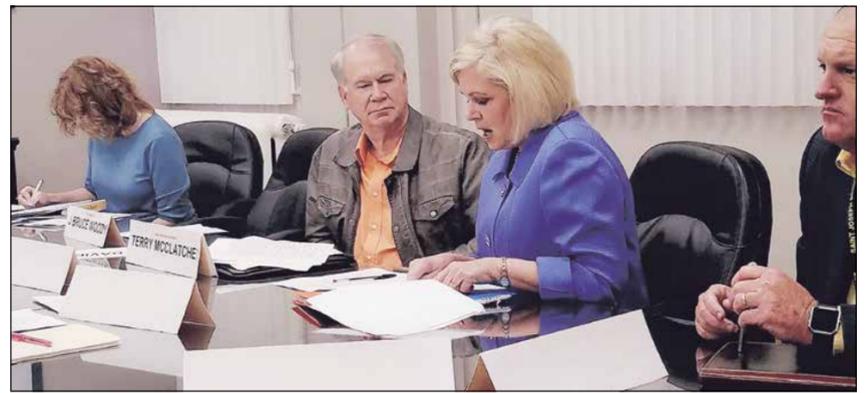
Rep. Sheila Solon
R-St. Joseph

in her career.

“I knew a lot and I had a lot of experience,” Solon said after moving north. “I felt like I could go back to the legislature and help St. Joseph.”

Even though it was a new constituency, Solon said serving St. Joseph and Andrew County turned into a blessing.

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State Rep. Sheila Solon, R-St. Joseph, details rules and guidelines to the St. Joseph Land Bank Board during last year's work session.

For up-to-date information on area and national coronavirus pandemic, please visit: newspressnow.com/coronavirus.

Landfill over performs leading to sped up construction for new cell



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A new cell being constructed at the St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill will be needed by this fall in order to keep up with unexpected amounts of tonnage. A contract for part of the work was recently approved by the City Council.

By BRENDAN WELCH
News-Press NOW

The St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill has continued to see high tonnage and is rushing to complete a new dumping cell this year to keep from running out of room.

In 2018, the landfill was averaging 325 tons of refuse per day when the decision was made to lower tipping fee costs to \$32 per ton in order to attract new customers. The

city was hoping to see up to 550 tons per day in order to offset the loss after cutting the price. Tonnage quickly began averaging in the 700s and and one point last September hit around 900 in a day.

While the additional revenue is welcomed by Solid Waste and Recycling Supervisor Rod McQuerrey, the extra tons of waste mean the active cell being dumped in now is getting full more quickly than expected.

“That’s definitely sped up the need for a new cell,” McQuerrey said. “We’re running fairly close on space. We need to be functional by October.”

At their last meeting, the St. Joseph City Council approved a contract with Global Containment Solutions, LLC., for \$576,000 to construct synthetic lining on a new cell that is currently being built.

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Nearly 16,000 COVID cases reported in Missouri; U.S. tops 2 million

COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY REGION

Numbers listed below reflect the latest data collected as of 8 p.m. Sunday.

REGION	CASES	DEATHS
Buchanan Co.	784	2
Missouri	16,983	879
Kansas*	11,047	243
United States	2,093,448	115,730
Worldwide	7,892,130	432,909

SOURCES: John Hopkins University; (Worldwide) – <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>; (United States) – <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>; (Buchanan County) – Buchanan County; (Missouri) – Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; (*Kansas) – Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The state has ended its daily reports and will release numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for its COVID-19 cases.

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Missouri recorded **15,983** cases of COVID-19 on Sunday, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The number of cases is up by 173 from 15,810 on Saturday, resulting in a 1.1% increase.

The number of deaths remained at **879**.

In Buchanan County, **784** people have tested positive for the virus as of Sunday, according to the Missouri Department

of Health and Senior Services.

Mosaic Life Care has issued 8,694 tests in its service area, with 425 returning a positive result, 8,207 a negative result and **62** still pending. Fourteen people are inpatients in St. Joseph, and there is one inpatient in Albany.

Kansas recorded **11,047** cases of COVID-19 on Friday, up from 10,812 on Wednesday. A total of **243** people have died. The Kansas Department of Health releases numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



To view national and worldwide maps of confirmed COVID-19 cases, please visit: www.newspressnow.com/multimedia.

Atlanta police take action

The department fires one officer and places another on administrative duty for the fatal shooting of a black man who resisted arrest after failing a field sobriety test — a death that rekindled fiery protests in the city and led the police chief to resign.

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