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Council sets cost of trash, recycling services

Collection in Joplin will change Oct. 1

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Trash collection for Joplin residents will change Oct. 1 as the result of a new contract agreement with Allied Waste, also known as Republic Services of Galena, Kansas.

As in the past, trash must be placed at curbside in a Republic Services trash cart for weekly pickup. Residents can use one cart, but those who want a second cart will pay an additional \$5.50.

There also would be bulky

item pickup on a call-in basis once per quarter.

In addition, biweekly yard waste and brush pickup will be provided, and all customers will pay \$3 for that whether it is used or not. The fee will automatically be added to the cost of the trash bill.

Residents must gather grass clippings, leaves and/

or tree limbs in biodegradable paper bag containers or wrapping, such as kraft paper, and are limited to 10 bundles per pickup. While this cost is automatically included, residents must contact Republic Services to add their address to the pickup schedule.

This change is required to minimize the amount

of biodegradable materials taken to landfills, which should only be receiving nonrecyclable and nonbiodegradable waste. With this new addition of biweekly yard and brush pickup, residents must avoid placing grass clippings, leaves, weeds or tree limbs in their trash bins.

Residents will be noti-

fied of their yard waste collection day at the time they sign up with Republic Services. This may be a different day of the week than current trash and recycling services.

The cost for all the services will be \$16.87, plus a 55-cent administrative fee

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'SO UPBEAT'



Clara Vu (right), of Fort Worth, Texas, works with Joseph Vu (left) and Kimmy Pham, two other volunteers from Christ the King Catholic Church in Fort Worth, to make boba drinks for customers Wednesday at Marian Days in Carthage.

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Food unites people at Marian Days while supporting churches back home

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CARTHAGE, Mo. — Food and Marian Days are inseparable for some people, and

it's a win-win for local residents and the churches that provide the food.

Jackie Boyer, a longtime Carthage resident, said she and her husband try to come to Marian Days at least

once or twice, and the food is part of why they keep coming back.

"It's a nice foreign experience without the long plane ride," Boyer said. "We do like the food out here, and we prefer to eat at the Port Arthur, Texas, church's tent. We come out as much for the whole experience as anything. I sort of feel for the people who come here

in the heat and the weather, but the people here are cheerful all the time. Everything is so upbeat out there."

Marian Days, a Vietnamese Catholic pilgrimage that can draw between 50,000 and 100,000 people, began Thursday. It features more than a dozen food vendors concentrated in tents

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Campaign asks court to block new map

Group seeks reversal of official's decision on referendum petition

BY JASON HANCOCK
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The campaign seeking a public vote on Missouri's gerrymandered congressional map is asking a Cole County judge to do more than put the referendum on the November ballot — it wants the court to prohibit the state from using the map at all this fall.

What that would mean for the candidates nominated Tuesday in

Missouri's eight congressional districts remains a question the campaign cannot yet answer.

"This is a mess that Denny Hoskins created," said Chuck Hatfield, the attorney representing People Not Politicians, a political action committee that spearheaded the referendum campaign. "He intentionally delayed his certification. He caused this problem, and I look forward to seeing how he's going to fix it."

Hoskins, the secretary of state, issued a certificate of insufficiency Tuesday afternoon, hours before polls closed, declaring the referendum petition unconstitutional without disclosing whether the more than 305,000 signatures submitted in December were enough to qualify.

People Not Politicians Executive Director Richard von Glahn filed suit in Cole County Circuit Court soon after the announcement.

The lawsuit asks the court to reverse Hoskins' decision and to restrain him "from taking any further steps to implement or mandate the use of" the map drawn during last year's special session. Hatfield said the second request is the one with immediate consequences.

"He doesn't get to decide what is the law of the land," Hatfield said of Hoskins' repeated assertion that the new map governs. "The courts do."

Pressed on what should happen to Tuesday's winners, Hatfield offered three possibilities without endorsing any of them.

Because candidates are not



Denny Hoskins

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Teacher at Joplin's South Middle School wins award

History institute recognizes educators for dedication, creativity, effective use of primary sources

FROM STAFF REPORTS
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South Middle School teacher Darren Morgan has been named the Missouri History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The award, which was an-

nounced Thursday, recognizes educators for their dedication, creativity and effective use of primary sources.

In a statement, Morgan thanked his eighth grade American history teacher, Julie Riley, "who inspired me to carry the torch, and a well-known teacher



Darren Morgan

write the next chapter. "History teachers are privileged to instill this hope in every stu-

dent, and we must never doubt the impact of an individual student. Though one in eight billion, it is still the individual, more than anything else in the historical record, that makes history."

Nominees are recommended by students, colleagues or school leaders and selected by state committees of historians and educators.

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