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Joplin closes 1717 Marketplace taxing districts

Revenue funded public infrastructure improvements

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Joplin city officials closed out two taxing districts recently that were established 21 years ago to help pay for redevelopment of an area along Range Line Road.

In 2005, there was an empty Kmart store and a closed motel in the area of what is now 17th Street and Range Line, south of the current Walmart store. At that time, the properties other than the Walmart were deemed to be blighted because they were not producing revenue. Redeveloped and renamed 1717 Marketplace, the property and its developers attracted the construction of an Academy

Sports and Outdoors store that exists there now along with several restaurants and other businesses such as Macadoodles, which are generating property taxes and sales taxes. Tax revenue from the tax increment financing district assessed within the 1717 Marketplace district was used by the city and developers to build a more modern retail district. The taxing districts paid for public infrastructure im-

provements such as streets, streetlights and stormwater drainage in the area. The TIF was closed out June 1. The Transportation Development District, which assessed an additional 1/8-cent tax on sales at the businesses, was closed out Sept. 30, according to the city. "Joplin has managed these development opportunities utilizing tax financing tools very well

over the past 20 years," City Manager Nick Edwards said in a statement. "Many factors made this project successful, but the credit is due to local shoppers who supported these new businesses and welcomed them to the community." The taxes collected from the transportation district brought an additional \$3 million to the 1717 Marketplace project. While it could have gone for as long as 30 years, the district reim-

bursed those costs in just 21 years. It was Joplin's first time using a TDD, the city said. The city first used a TIF in 2004 for the Northpark Crossing shopping district near Fourth Street and Range Line Road. "Joplin continues to improve and expand its offerings while using proven economic development tools to support growth," Edwards said in the city statement.

'Another chapter'



Kori Dodson, an instructor in the kinesiology department, plays table shuffleboard with fellow instructor Stephanie Schiding (not pictured) during the opening tours at the renovated Dianne Mayes Student Life Center on Wednesday.

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MSSU Student Life Center reopens after makeover

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Missouri Southern State University reopened the lower level of the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center on Wednesday after an eight-month renovation that refreshed the 13,900-square-foot space to better meet student needs.

"For more than three decades, this building has been a gathering place for our students," Southern President Dean Van Galen said at Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Today's reopening marks another chapter in that history, and it would not have been possible without the hard work, vision and dedication of so many. As we reopen these doors, we're welcoming students back to a place where they can take a break, meet a friend, study or simply find a comfortable place to be." The lower level was renovated at a cost of \$1.8 million,

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Missouri Southern State University officials cut the ribbon on the renovated lower level of the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center on Wednesday. Those who attended included Mike Seibert, a member of the board of governors; MSSU President Dean Van Galen; board of governors student representative Yulissa Gomez-Delgado; Provost Lisa Toms; Chief Financial Officer Linda Eis; and David Mayes, dean of students and Title IX director.

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NTSB: Piece fell off plane before crash

2 men killed Sept. 7 in Newton County

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NEOSHO, Mo. — A preliminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board noted than an unknown object was seen falling away from an airplane that crashed minutes later in Newton County, killing the two men on board. The Newton County coroner said Karl Kemp, 73, of Neosho, was the pilot and owner of the plane, and his passenger was Larry (Scott) Howard, 42, of Granby. The Neosho Police Department reported Sept. 7 that the plane crashed about 1:40 p.m. and that it took officers awhile to find the crash site on the grounds of Camp Crowder south of Neosho. The NTSB released a preliminary report describing what happened, but it did not determine a cause of the crash. The report said a friend of the pilot told investigators the pilot had flown to the Neosho Hugh Robinson Airport "to assist him with some airplane maintenance." "The maintenance consisted of temporarily removing and installing the accident airplane airspeed indicator into another airplane to allow for a ferry flight," the report said. "After that ferry flight, the airspeed indicator was reinstalled and 'tested' in the accident airplane. The pilot departed in the accident airplane with another friend about (1:34 p.m.)." Another witness told the NTSB there were no issues observed with the airplane during takeoff or the initial climb. The witness got back into his vehicle and did not watch the flight any further. "At (1:35 p.m.) a dash camera video recording, positioned about 0.80 nautical miles east of the airport, captured the airplane on the left crosswind for runway 19," the report said. "The airplane tracked west to east before starting a left turn toward the northwest...the recording

State accuses area dog boarder of repeat violations

AG's office seeking civil penalties, authority to inspect, injunction

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Attorney General

Catherine Hanaway, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, announced lawsuits Wednesday against two animal care operators, one of them in Jasper County. The state alleges that the owners of the businesses repeatedly disregarded Missouri's animal welfare laws. According to a statement

by Hanaway, Deana Brown, doing business as The Dog House on Apple Road in Carthage, continued operating a boarding kennel without a valid license after it expired. On two separate occasions, inspectors documented more than two dozen dogs being boarded at the facility despite the expired license, and observed

advertising for boarding services on her property and along Missouri Highway 59. Brown refused the required annual inspection, told the inspector to leave immediately and said she would not permit further inspections, state officials allege. The attorney general's

office is seeking civil penalties, authority to conduct inspections and a permanent injunction preventing Brown from accepting payment for boarding services unless properly licensed. The Jasper County Circuit Court has already entered a default judgment against

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