

# REAL IMPACT

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Welcome to the Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET's REAL IMPACT newsletter. This month's newsletter will feature some of the latest investments in education from the Cape Girardeau, Missouri area. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.



## Business Foundation Lands \$1M Grant for Workforce Education



The Cape Girardeau Business Development Foundation located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, became one of nine recipients statewide to receive a \$1 million grant for workforce education opportunities. The foundation will work in collaboration with the [Southeast Missouri State University](#) and the [Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center](#) to provide education and technical skills training through the Innovation Academy. The Innovation Academy will offer career pathways for student trainees to earn college credit and certifications



### Retail Location Ready for New Tenant

2103 William Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO

This retail location, 2103 William Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri is a total of 30,800 square feet, zoned commercial and available to a new tenant looking to locate in the Cape Girardeau region. This location is near the Town Plaza Shopping Center, across the street from a national call center which employs 575, and current traffic count of 22,300 cars a day. The building is located almost two mile away from Interstate 55 and seven miles from the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport. Utilities are served by the City of Cape Girardeau and electric/natural gas from Ameren Missouri. Taxable sales revenue for Cape Girardeau County in 2011 was \$1.24 Billion.

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in technical training programs that will prepare them for the region's workforce. The area of emphasis will include healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and agribusiness.



## Jackson R-2 School Expansion



PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
JACKSON R-2 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jackson R-2 School District will build a new elementary school thanks to local voters who passed a \$16 million bond issue on the April 2012 ballot. Expansion was the necessary solution for the Jackson R-2 School District, which serves 4,639 students, 2,114 of those are K-5. The first stage of the project is underway with the site, on North Lacey Street, being prepared for construction. It will serve kindergarten through 5th grade students as well as early childhood special education services and Title I preschool services in integrated classrooms.

This is the second recent expansion within the Jackson R-2 School District. In November 2012, a \$23 million dollar project was completed at the Senior High campus which serves approximately 1,100 students.

The Jackson R-2 School District, located in Jackson, Missouri has 672 employees, and is recognized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for *Distinction in Performance*. This is the 11th year the district has received this honor, which is based on maintaining high academic achievement and performance on the MAP and ACT assessments, along with offering advanced and career education courses.



### 413-Acre Site Ideal for Multiple Commercial Uses

Scott City, MO

This 413-acre tract is currently available for purchase and fronts Interstate 55 (0.5 mile) and Nash Road in Scott City, Missouri. The site has access to city utilities and in close proximity to the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (1.6 miles) and Southeast Missouri Port Authority (2.92 miles). Neighboring business owners around the parcel are industrial and service related companies. Owner will consider sub-dividing.

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## \$40 Million Bond Issue Improvement Projects Wrapping Up At Cape Public Schools



A significant event occurred in August when the Cape Girardeau Public Schools Board of Education awarded a contract to High-Tech Communications of Cape Girardeau to furnish audio-visual equipment for the new Richard D. Kinder Performance Hall, pictured above. That contract was the last of dozens awarded as a result of the \$40 million bond issue approved by voters in 2010. The contract provides for a state-of-the-art audio-visual installation at the new 1,000-plus-seat facility at Central High School. This photo was taken in August showing workers erecting the final exterior walls of the building, which is now completely enclosed.

The bond issue provided for improvements at eight of the District's ten campuses, including a highly-anticipated sports stadium. The 5,000-seat Tiger Stadium at Cape Central High school was completed in time for the District's 100-year centennial game.

A 22-classroom expansion at Central High School and a striking new library at Central Junior High School were two other major projects completed in 2012. Alma Schrader, Blanchard, Clippard and Jefferson Elementary Schools, plus Central Middle School, received many repairs, security upgrades, enhancements and some additional classroom space.

Perhaps the largest undertaking in the District was construction of the new Franklin Elementary School. The state-of-the art, 50,000-square-foot facility graces the

old school's playground at Themis and Louisiana Street.

## New St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School Facilities



On August 19, 2012, St. Vincent de Paul Parish dedicated its new facilities for current needs and future growth. The new facilities included the addition of 12 classrooms, a new cafeteria and kitchen, two large tornado resistant corridors, selected renovation and seismic retrofit of the parish center, handicapped accessibility, extra parking area and entrance canopies. Columbia Construction was the general contractor and total cost of the project was \$4.5 million.

The new facilities add 28,000 square ft. to the grade school which has seen its school enrollment increase from 365 students in 2007 to 460 students this year. The new facilities will allow for school growth up to 550 students. St. Vincent de Paul School is a major feeder school for Notre Dame Regional High School which has also seen significant growth. The new facilities at St. Vincent Parish will also serve the community at large as the church continues to reach out to the homeless and those struggling economically with its monthly Vincent's Vittles meal. The additional space will also benefit the Parish Fish Fries for the public in Lent and other community gatherings.



## Notre Dame Regional High School Phased Additions



Notre Dame Regional High School has embarked on a multi-phase building project to maintain a quality facility to match the outstanding curriculum. Phase 1 of the current building campaign, the Wanda L. Drury Multipurpose Center, was completed in March 2011. The over 10,000 sq. ft. new facility houses a practice gym, satellite concession stand, wrestling practice facility, locker rooms, restrooms and a registration area with its own entrance to the school.

Phase 2 of our 4 phase project added much needed classroom space to the Lab Wing, creating a better environment for students to learn. The Classroom expansion, including new art rooms, restrooms and a conference room, was completed in August 2011.

Phases 3 and 4 are in the development stage and will provide an update to the Performing and Visual Arts with auditorium seating and an expansion of seating in the Event Gym.



## Southeast Missouri State University Expansions, Renovations



To access the recently released Economic Impact report, [click here](#).

A \$22.8 million renovation project is well under way at Southeast Missouri State University to renovate Academic Hall, the University's historic centerpiece facility. The project is being funded with proceeds from a \$59.3 million bond issue. Renovations include the refurbishment and restoration of the historic corridors, stairwells and building exterior. The structure's mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems are being replaced. The slate roof also is being replaced, the dome is being reclad, and stairwell and elevator access is being extended. A major component of the project will be a floor dedicated to student services area along with a build out of a mezzanine area in the dome. Work on the project began in early 2012. A grand reopening of Academic Hall is planned for the Homecoming celebration in fall 2013.

The \$59.3 bond issue also is providing construction dollars for other campus improvements, including \$17.8 million for renovations and an addition to Magill Hall, which houses the University's science laboratories, \$10.6 million for deferred maintenance projects and \$6.9 million for conversion of the campus power plant to natural gas installation. Magill Hall is being renovated in its entirety, and a three-story addition has been completed on the north side of the original structure to expand classroom space. The increased space and state-of-the-art equipment added during this renovation will allow Southeast Missouri State University to continue to attract top-notch faculty and greater numbers of students interested in entering the fields of biology,

chemistry, agriculture, physics, engineering physics and environmental sciences. Students are occupying the new addition and the newly renovated east side of the existing building this fall. The west side renovations will be complete in 2013.

Work is also under way on a \$30.9 million project including a new 262-bed residence hall on the north end of campus and a new 1,000-ton chiller and boiler plant at the Show Me Center. The new residence hall will feature common recreation and laundry facilities, an outdoor patio area and suite style learning communities. The building will be convenient for students taking classes in the science complex and business classes in Robert A. Dempster Hall. The hall also offers convenient access to the Student Recreation Center. The new residence hall is expected to open in fall 2013.

In addition to this work, students are enjoying expanded dining services this fall. Earlier this month, Starbucks opened in the University Center, replacing the former Beanery Café. The Starbucks operation is part of a larger renovation project in the University Center that includes rotating the serving area in Smashers Grill and adding a 120-150 seat dining expansion to the south dining room. Food service also will expand on the north end of campus this academic year with the addition of a Subway retail operation in Scully Building. The addition of Subway will help address existing volume and the scheduled opening of the new residence hall next fall. These capital improvements are estimated at \$4.1 million. Southeast is sharing in the cost of these improvements with Chartwells Education Dining Services, the University's food service provider.

Contact us today to learn more about economic development opportunities or sites available in the greater Cape Girardeau, Missouri, area.

Sincerely,

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