Students and others visiting a rebuilt city park across the street of St. John’s Medical Center in Joplin, Mo., a year after the tornado that destroyed that city. Among them are Dr. Mark Hildebrandt, second from left and a survivor, who are enrolled in a class titled “Storm Recovery” at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The SIUE students who went to Joplin brought back many lessons — as many about human nature as about natural disasters. “Disaster kind of brings us together,” said one student. “But it also reminds us that people living in other places don’t think about us until they need our help.”