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**Board plans hearing on \$1.76 million budget increase**  
The Lincoln City Board of Directors will meet Monday night to discuss a proposed budget increase of \$1.76 million for fiscal year 2013-14. The board will also discuss a proposed increase in the city's sales tax from 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent. The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Convention Center. The board will also discuss a proposed increase in the city's property tax from 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent. The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Convention Center.

**Open house to celebrate hospital expansion**  
The Lincoln Children's Hospital will hold an open house to celebrate the completion of its new expansion project. The open house will be held on Monday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new hospital building. The open house will feature a variety of activities, including a tour of the new building, a presentation on the hospital's services, and a chance to meet with hospital staff. The open house is free and open to the public.

**City to offer free Franchise Night for those wanting to open or expand small business**  
The Lincoln City Economic Development Center will offer a free Franchise Night on Monday, April 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Convention Center. The Franchise Night will feature a presentation on the benefits of franchising, a chance to meet with franchise representatives, and a chance to learn more about the city's economic development programs. The Franchise Night is free and open to the public.

**Authorities identify Colorado couple as airplane crash victims**  
The Lincoln Police Department has identified the victims of a small airplane crash in Colorado. The victims are a husband and wife who were on a flight from Lincoln to Colorado. The airplane crashed on Monday, April 8, near the town of Colorado. The victims were identified as [Name] and [Name]. The Lincoln Police Department is currently investigating the crash.

**Down town businesses setting the groundwork for organization**  
The Lincoln City Economic Development Center is setting the groundwork for a new organization to support downtown businesses. The organization will be called the Lincoln Downtown Business Association. The organization will provide a variety of services to downtown businesses, including a directory of businesses, a marketing program, and a chance to meet with other downtown businesses. The organization is currently in the process of recruiting members.

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