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BOARD PLANS HEARING ON \$1.76 MILLION BUDGET INCREASE

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**Recreation Dept. to offer Zumba fitness class**  
The Dodge Recreation Dept. is offering a Zumba fitness class on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Dodge County Courthouse. The class will be led by instructor, Tracy Smith. The class is free and open to all. For more information, call 781-224-2424.

**STARTING TUESDAY**  
VA's mobile office is coming to Liberal  
The Veterans Administration is bringing a mobile office to Liberal, Mo., on Tuesday, April 9, at 10 a.m. The office will be located at the Dodge County Courthouse. The office will provide information on VA benefits and services. For more information, call 781-224-2424.

**THURSDAY**  
City to offer free Franchise Night for those wanting to open or expand small business  
The Dodge County Economic Development Center is offering a free Franchise Night on Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Dodge County Courthouse. The event will provide information on franchise opportunities and services. For more information, call 781-224-2424.

**THURSDAY**  
Downtown businesses setting the groundwork for organization  
Downtown Dodge County businesses are setting the groundwork for a new organization. The organization will be responsible for promoting and supporting downtown businesses. For more information, call 781-224-2424.

**KEY INVOLVED TODAY**

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### Board plans hearing on \$1.76 million budget increase

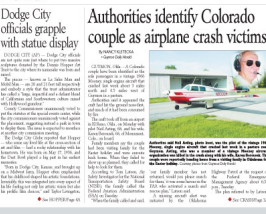
The Dodge County Board of Supervisors will meet Monday to discuss a proposed budget increase of \$1.76 million for fiscal year 2014. The board will also discuss a proposed increase in the county's sales tax rate from 1.5 percent to 2.0 percent. The proposed budget increase is based on a projected increase in the county's population and a need for additional services. The proposed sales tax increase is based on a need for additional revenue to fund these services. The board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and sales tax increase on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the boardroom of the Dodge County Courthouse. The hearing is open to the public and anyone interested in the proposed budget and sales tax increase is encouraged to attend and provide input.

### Open house to celebrate hospital expansion

The Dodge County Hospital is holding an open house to celebrate the completion of its new expansion project. The new expansion includes a new emergency department, a new surgical suite, and a new patient care center. The open house will be held on Monday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the new patient care center. The open house will provide an opportunity for the community to see the new expansion and learn more about the hospital's services. The open house is free and open to all. For more information, call 781-224-2424.

### Authorities identify Colorado couple as airplane crash victims

Authorities have identified the victims of a small airplane crash in Dodge County, Mo., as a Colorado couple. The airplane crashed on Monday, April 8, near the town of Liberal. The couple was on a flight from Colorado Springs to Dodge County. The airplane crashed shortly after takeoff. The couple was killed in the crash. The bodies of the couple were found near the crash site. The cause of the crash is still under investigation. The investigation is being led by the National Transportation Safety Board. The investigation is expected to take several weeks to complete. The community is offering a memorial service for the couple on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Dodge County Courthouse. The memorial service is free and open to all. For more information, call 781-224-2424.



Authorities will hold a memorial service for the couple who were killed in the airplane crash on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Dodge County Courthouse. The memorial service is free and open to all. For more information, call 781-224-2424.