



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

CITY NEWS

City Job Fair: Have you or someone you know been searching for a great job with equally great benefits? Or maybe you're just looking for something to do during the summer? No problem!

The City of Dodge City will be hosting a job fair to promote all of our full-time, regular part-time, and seasonal positions! Come down to the Hoover Pavilion located in Wright Park from 3 - 6 pm on Wednesday, April 13, and Thursday, April 14 from 9 - 12 pm! We will have information available about each of our vacancies and our benefits information! Have a resume? Bring it with you and apply on-site! For questions or more information, please contact Tara or Giselle by calling 620-225-8100.

Long Branch Lagoon Job Openings and Season Pass Sales: The City is gearing up for the 2022 season at the Long Branch Lagoon. We are also looking for the right person to lead the water park this summer as the Aquatics Manager. This position includes a \$1000 sign-on bonus and a minimum of a \$1000 bonus at the end of the season based on qualifications. Other positions include lifeguards and admissions and concessions staff. To apply, visit www.dodgecity.org/careers. In addition, season passes are now on sale at <https://dodgecityks.myrec.com>. Family passes are available for a family of four at \$180 or add up to four additional family members for \$30 each. Rentals can also be reserved for summer parties by calling 620-225-8160.

Convention & Visitors Bureau Marketing Grants: CVB will open its first round of Marketing Grants on April 1, and submissions will be accepted until April 30. This grant is available to attractions, venues, or event creators/promoters in our community that will attract overnight guests. The grants cover 80% of marketing costs up to \$1,000. The second round of grants will be available in the fall. More information is available on www.visitdodgecity.org.

150th Celebration Art Contest: As part of the Dodge City 150th Anniversary, the planning committee is hosting the West is Just the Beginning Art Contest. Whether you want to write a science fiction story about future outlaws set in the Dodge City of 3050 or make a short film about a couple of bandits the night before a big train heist, you can. The only requirement is that you incorporate Dodge City into your piece in some manner. All you need to do is complete the entry form at <https://forms.gle/BkLQv7ACA7U5b8VS6> and upload or submit your piece in person at the Dodge City Visitor Information Center (400 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd) by April 15, 2022.

Engage Dodge Applications Open: The 2022 Engage Dodge program through the City of Dodge City is set to begin on the evening of April 12 and is open to the entire community. Applicants are being accepted until 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 7. Engage Dodge is an interactive educational opportunity designed to introduce citizens to city services, programs, and the employees who serve the Dodge City community. For more details and the class application form, visit <https://bit.ly/35UyJep!>

Dodge City Regional Airport: Dodge City Regional Airport (DDC) received notice from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) that SkyWest Airlines has filed a notice to end Essential Air Services (EAS) this summer in 29 cities, including Liberal, Hays, and Salina airports, due to an ongoing pilot staffing imbalance across the aviation industry. Read the attached release for more information.

Dodge City Police Auxiliary Retirements: Dodge City Police Department (DCPD) celebrated volunteers Bill Mercado, Pat Mercado, Terri Trent, and Keith Tallent as they retired from the DCPD Auxillary on Thursday, March 24. The Police Auxiliary was formed in December 1996. Bill and Pat became members of the Auxiliary in March 1997, Terri joined in June 1998, and Keith started in June 2004. Through the years, they have volunteered their own time assisting officers with directing traffic, sitting on crime scenes, taking minor reports, responding to nuisance-type calls and various other tasks. DCPD will miss having these wonderful members on the Auxiliary, but take comfort in knowing they are still in our community.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB): In honor of National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW), CVB staff distributed table tents to area businesses to help promote the upcoming NTTW events, raise awareness, and solicit entries for the Outstanding Frontline Employee award. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, April 15.

On behalf of the Public Art Commission, CVB and Main Street Dodge City Staff attended the Kansas Mural Making workshop, hosted by the Kansas Creative Arts Industry Commission, in Wichita, KS. This workshop demonstrated strategies to raise awareness of public art/mural projects in our community and how to generate engagement with these projects. The workshop also provided resources including grants, artists, and other resources.

CVB Staff hosted an information table during the KSHSAA State Basketball tournament as well as created welcome packets for the teams. For the 3i SHOW, staff provided information for vendor packets to raise awareness of attractions, food options, and activities throughout the community.

As part of the TRY Southwest Kansas initiative, staff attended the Backwoods Hunting Show in Oklahoma City. This is the largest (and oldest) hunting and fishing expo in the state of Oklahoma. Engagement from the public was high and that the show went very well.



Parks & Facilities: Construction staff has been working on renovating the women’s restroom in the pro shop at Mariah Hills Golf Course. New plumbing behind the walls, toilets, fixtures and countertops were installed to complete the upgrade. Staff also painted and hung new wall décor in the lobby area at City Hall.



Parks and Facilities staff removed old enclosures at Wright Park Zoo. The enclosures had traditionally housed birds of prey, but they were moved into bigger open enclosures in the facility. The staff has also begun spraying herbicide to eliminate annual summer weeds, worked on playset components that were broken and hung new banners along the entry road into United Wireless Arena.



Multiple vendors have been on-site recently, helping staff prepare for the 2022 waterpark season. Capri Pools recently worked on the filter building’s filtration systems, and Commercial Aquatics has helped with the chlorination system. This work was necessary to ensure the systems were functioning correctly and allow us to maximize each unit’s lifespan.



Staff has also been working on new directional signage for the front of the park, showing patrons where to go to find an attraction.

PROJECT UPDATES

2nd Avenue Bridge Repairs: PbX Corporation is anticipated to begin work on the 2nd Avenue Bridge Repair project on March 28, 2022. The work scheduled to be completed includes replacing the expansion joints, repairs to the pier caps, and some minor repairs to the super-structure. The traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the construction. During the first phase, the west 1/3 of the bridge will be closed for repairs. Work in the bridge’s center will be completed in phase 2, and Phase 3 will see repairs to the eastern 1/3 of the bridge. The speed limit will also be reduced in the construction zone. Please obey all construction zone signage, watch out for the workers, and if possible, please use an alternate route. The project is expected to take 90-120 calendar days, depending on weather conditions.

West Cowboy Silhouette Temporary Removal: As part of the U.S. 50 Expansion Project, City of Dodge City staff is working with a contractor to remove the west Cowboy Silhouette near the U.S temporarily. 50 & 105 Rd intersection. The removal of the silhouette is required for the Kansas Department of Transportation to complete work for the 4-lane highway expansion project. It is planned to be reinstalled after the completion of the project in a new prominent location.



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Community Facilities Advisory Board (CFAB): The Dodge City/Ford County CFAB will have their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm at the City Commission Chambers. (City Court). View the agenda at <https://www.dodgecity.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=35>. The meeting is open to the public with limited seating and available to stream live at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity.

WHY NOT DODGE EVENTS, FACILITIES & NEWS

United Wireless Arena: The United Wireless Arena is ready to welcome lots of exciting events this spring. Starting with Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias tonight on March 25. Also, the Southwest Storm is in full swing with the next game on April 23. April 24 will welcome the 2022 Bridal and Women’s Day Out Expo, and Clint Black will be performing at the arena on April 29. For more information, visit <https://www.unitedwirelessarena.com/events>.

Dodge City Raceway Park: Races are getting ready to return to Dodge City Raceway Park. Starting with Testing and Tuning the Big and Short Tracks the weekend of April 2 and 3. Then, on April 8 and 9th, the Dodge City Spring Nationals will run on April 8 and 9. For more information on what’s to come at the DCRP, visit dodgecityracewaypark.com.

CITY OF DODGE CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Dodge City High School (DCHS) Career Opportunity Presentation: On Tuesday, March 22, Human Resource Officer Tara Schraeder and Parks & Facilities Director Daniel Cecil met with DCHS Students about job opportunities at the Long Branch Lagoon within the City of Dodge City. They discussed seasonal job opportunities, as well as requirements for these positions.

COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Mon., April 4 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Commission Chambers at 806 N 2nd Ave.

OR Watch live online at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity

Mon., April 18 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Commission Chambers at 806 N 2nd Ave.

OR Watch live online at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity

View the meeting agendas the Friday prior at <https://www.dodgecity.org/78/Agendas>

HEARTLAND
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**Join us for a conversation
about supporting entrepreneurs
in your community.**

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER
AND THE EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION



Heartland Together, Kansas Leadership Center and the Ewin Marion Kauffman Foundation are partnering together for community listening sessions to learn about supporting entrepreneurship in Kansas communities. We are hosting a session on Thursday, March 31st at 6:00pm at the University/Training Center, 236 San Jose Drive. The sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. Please register for this event at <https://kansasleadershipcenter.org/heartland-listening-registration/>.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 10, 2022

Dodge City Regional Airport Receives Notice from USDOT

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“We are disappointed to receive the news,” said Dodge City Regional Airport Manager Kelli Enlow. “However, we understand that this is not an issue unique to our airport, but is impacting many.”

City and Airport staff will be working closely with the USDOT, which administers the EAS funding, to find a new air carrier by summer 2022. Staff will also work diligently with SkyWest in the coming months to help ensure a smooth transition for customers.

“We appreciate the partnership we have with SkyWest and how our customer base has grown under their service,” Enlow said.

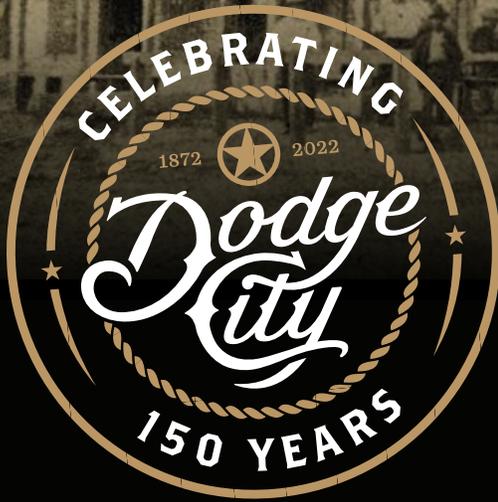
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USDOT Hold-in Order

The USDOT will issue a Hold-In Order prohibiting SkyWest from terminating service at the Dodge City Regional Airport until a replacement airline is selected and begins operations. During the Hold-In period, SkyWest is expected to maintain the current daily schedule for regional jet service to Denver.

SkyWest media contact info:

SkyWest Corporate Communications
corporate.communications@skywest.com
435-634-3553



THE WEST *is Just the Beginning*

Our city's history draws adventurers, young and old, looking to get a glimpse of the old west. The resurgence in popularity of television westerns like Gunsmoke has continued to attract visitors to our community. In 2019 Dodge City had more than 718,000 unique visitors, both in-state and out-of-state, and visitor spending surpassed more than 135 million dollars. Be a part of the next chapter of Dodge City's history.



VOLUNTEER OR JOIN A BOOSTER CLUB

There are several booster clubs and volunteer opportunities you can be a part of to support the 150th anniversary. The Brothers of the Brush, Sisters of the Swish, or the Smoothies are all actively accepting members now.



SHARE YOUR STORY

All of us have a story to tell about Dodge City. We want to hear yours! Whether sharing forgotten details of our past or celebrating our future, join the 150th Stories initiative.



CREATE OR PROMOTE 150TH EVENTS

Create your own 150th themed event or talk to friends and family about upcoming 150th celebration events, share event posts on your social media and with friends and colleagues, or display posters/flyers in your business.

Visit www.dodgecity150.com to find more resources and ways to get involved.



THE WEST IS JUST THE BEGINNING

ART CONTEST

Dodge City has a rich history full of heroes and villains, trials and perseverance, and triumphs in the face of adversity. **The West is Just the Beginning Art Contest** invites you to explore your creativity and take us on a journey in your Dodge City through a variety of artistic mediums.

Whether you want to write a science fiction story about future outlaws set in the Dodge City of 3050 or make a short film about a couple of bandits the night before a big train heist, you can. The only requirement is that you incorporate Dodge City into your piece in some manner. All you need to do is complete the entry form and upload or submit your piece in person at the Dodge City Visitor Information Center (400 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd) by **April 15, 2022**.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:
VISUAL, LITERARY, & PERFORMING ARTS
CASH PRIZES · MULTIPLE WINNERS
APPLY & SUBMIT ONLINE

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JUSTIN WILSON AT
(620) 225-8166 OR JUSTINW@DODGECITY.ORG**

The background of the poster is a misty jungle scene. In the foreground, a tiger is walking towards the left on a dirt path. In the background, a man is seen from behind, looking towards the tiger. The scene is filled with lush greenery and trees, with a soft, hazy atmosphere.

Depot Theater
DODGE CITY, KANSAS

RUDYARD KIPLING'S
THE JUNGLE BOOK
ADAPTED BY GREGORY BANKS

March 25th - 27th, 2022

April 1st - 3rd, 2022

April 8th - 10th, 2022

TICKETS:
DEPOTTHEATER.COM
620.225.1001

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Legislative Community Coffee

You are cordially invited for coffee and conversation with your local legislators.

Join in a discussion about what is happening in your community and receive a legislative update.



**When: Saturday, March 26th
9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**Where: City of Dodge City
Commission Chambers
806 N. 2nd Avenue.**



Please scan QR to register or go to:
<http://business.dodgechamber.com/events/details/legislative-coffee-2760>

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Additional locations will be added
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**For questions, contact
Kyla Keller
kkeller@dodgedev.org
620.227.9501**



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

- 8 week courses
- 10 courses over 2 years
- Blended mix of in-person and online coursework
- Students across the Southwest region welcome
- Must have a U.S. RN license and cumulative 2.5 or above GPA
- Clinical clearance and precepted clinical hours required

Classes Begin August 2020!



For more information, contact the FHSU Department of Nursing at 785.628.4256

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DODGE CITY COHORT

- Three year program
- One night class per week
each semester
- Online courses
- \$500 scholarship for each
cohort student, each semester
- Tuition and fees are under \$11,000

The cohort program provides an opportunity for students to complete a Bachelor of Social Work degree right here in Dodge City. Classes are completed over a three-year period, after student have completed any required general education courses or earning their associates degree. Students take courses from both core faculty members at FHSU and local professional social workers serving as adjuncts. A full-time cohort coordinator is hired to provide for student recruitment, advisement, and to coordinate the ongoing needs of an offsite location.

FHSU's Department of Social Work offers the development of skills and knowledge that enables individuals to help others.

The department offers significant resources for students including various student organizations and research support.

Hands-on experiences through service and internship opportunities are also available.



SOCIAL WORK JOBS

- Child/Family Services
- Mental Health Centers
- Hospitals/Health Care Agencies
- Private Practice
- Schools
- Nursing Homes
- Welfare Agencies
- Business and Industry
- Treatment Centers
- Community Organizations
- Corrections
- Non-Profit Organizations

For more information, contact
FHSU Department of Social Work
785-628-4755
socialwork@fhsu.edu





**FORT HAYS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Southwest Kansas Pathway for Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Professionals

**Earn your B.S. In Communication
Sciences and Disorders (CSD) and your SLPA certificate**

- Students across the Southwest region welcome
- Easy transfer pathway for students with community college course credit and/or associate's degrees
- Blended mix of in-person and online coursework, with 1-2 in person options every semester
- Experience hands on learning with local clinical placements
- Flexible program depending on your goals
- Expert and personalized guidance to achieve your professional goals

1st COHORT will start August 2022

For more information, contact the FHSU
Department of Communication Sciences and
Disorders at 785-628-5366.

Email: infoslp@fhsu.edu

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FHSUCommDisorders>

Website: <https://www.fhsu.edu/commsciencesanddisorders/>





BUSINESS EDITION

Learn the resources available to start a new business or grow an existing business.

STEPS TO BECOME A CHILDCARE PROVIDER



FREE CLASS

Participants will learn the steps/procedures necessary to become a licensed child care provider. Benefits to becoming a childcare provider include earning an income from home, tax deductions, meaningful job, positive impact on children, and owning your own business.

Thursday, April 7, 2022

5:30PM-8:30 PM

University/Training Center

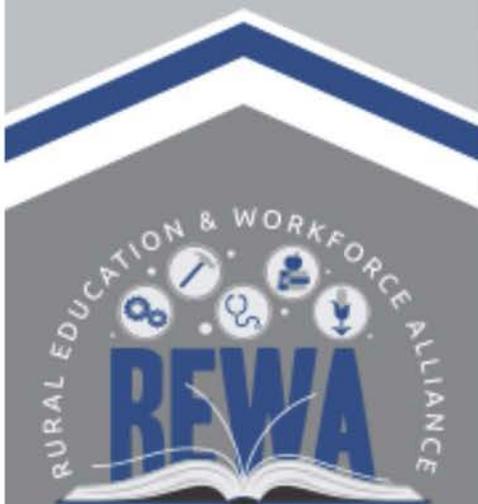
236 San Jose Drive
Dodge City, KS 67801
Enter in the Northeast Entrance
English: Classroom 1
Spanish: Classroom 2



Topics Include:

- State Requirements
- Early Childhood Education Degree Program
- Technical Assistance
- Food Program
- Small Business Development Center
- Available Resources
- Available Grant Funds

Register today at www.raisingthewest.org or for more information contact Kyla Keller, 620-227-9501 or kkeller@dodgegov.org



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HOW TO SERIES

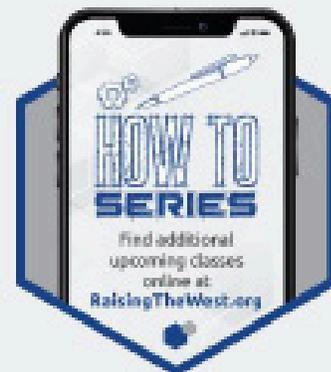
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Learn the resources
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PASOS PARA CONVERTIRSE EN UN PROVEEDOR DE CUIDADO INFANTIL

CLASE GRATUITA

Los participantes aprenderán los pasos / procedimientos necesarios para convertirse en un proveedor de cuidado infantil autorizado. Los beneficios de convertirse en un proveedor de cuidado infantil incluyen obtener ingresos desde el hogar, deducciones de impuestos, trabajo significativo, impacto positivo en los niños y ser dueño/a de su propio negocio. Se proveera almuerzo.



Jueves, 7 de abril del 2022

5:30 PM - 8:30PM

University/Training Center

236 San Jose Drive | Dodge City, KS

Ingrese por la entrada Noreste

Inglés: Salon 1

Español: Salon 2

Los temas incluyen:

- Requisitos Estatales
- Programa de Estudios en Educación Infantil
- Asistencia Técnica
- Programa de Alimentación
- Centro de Desarrollo de Pequeñas Empresas
- Recursos Disponibles
- Fondos de Subvenciones/Ayuda Disponibles



Para más información contactar a Coral Lopez, 820-371-3872

Regístrese en línea, por adelantado en

www.RaisingTheWest.org



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620.227.9501

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ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Ever ask yourself, what is Estate Planning? Estate planning is not just about planning for what happens to your property after you die; it is also about planning for what happens to you if you become mentally incapacitated.

As a small business owner, it's important to understand the process of developing a plan, how your estate may be taxed, and whether your plan to pass on assets follows the legitimate laws of succession. Attend this seminar with local attorney, Megan McCann, and gain an introduction and understanding into the steps you should take as a business owner to protect your assets.



Thursday, April 21, 2022
11:30am - 1:00pm



236 San Jose, Dodge City, KS
or Via ZOOM



<https://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/27103>

Dodge City Community College Learning Resource Center/Library invites you to

April Storytime

Saturday, April 2 @ 2PM

Join us for Storytime, a fun activity, and a snack



Saturday Storytimes - Spring 2022 - All at 2PM

April 2 - Worm Weather by Jean Taft

May 7 - Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert

Summer Storytimes - 2022 - June 1 to July 27

Storytimes every Wednesday at 10AM and 2PM.

Made possible through the DC3 Foundation

Communities Supporting Early Literacy: Dodge City -- Starting Early Grant

The Kansas Health Foundation is a philanthropy dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans. For more information about the Kansas Health Foundation, visit

www.kansashealth.org

Dodge City Community College Learning Resource Center/Library

2501 N 14th Ave

Dodge City, KS 67801



JOIN US FOR OUR APRIL SCIENCE CAFÉ

ASTRONOMY

WITH DC3 FACULTY MEMBER,
SHERRY CURTIS

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 @ 7PM
DC3 LRC/LIBRARY AND ZOOM
2501 N 14TH AVE.
DODGE CITY, KS 67801
FIND ZOOM LINK AT [DC3.EDU/LIBRARY](https://dc3.edu/library)

Spring Science Café Schedule

5/5/22 6PM - Student Presentations



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JOIN US AT THE **BID PROCESS EXPO**

April 5, 2022 at
Dodge City Community College's
Student Activity Center

Vendor Registration includes 1 table, 2 chairs, & 2 dinner tickets.

VENDOR FEE: \$50

Non-vendors: \$10 event registration required (includes dinner)

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Items for a vendor table (share your bid processes!)
 - Those that submit bid proposals
 - Those that submit bid proposal requests

THE DAY'S EVENTS:

- Fair Set Up: 12 - 12:30 p.m.
- Vendor Fair: 3 - 5 p.m.
- Cocktail Hour: 5 - 6 p.m.
- Dinner and Presentations: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Following all presentations: Q&A time



To Register: Go to

<http://business.dodgechamber.com/events/calendar/>

or scan the QR code!



Genesis
Family Health
Quality Care For Everyone

Prairie Independent Living Resource Center Inc. Vaccination Workshop



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
If you need assistance to attend, please call
PILR at 620-371-7690.



LOCATION	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Garden City, KS	March 15th April 14th	1-4 p.m. 4-7 p.m.	SWKAAA Offices 1807 E. Mary St. Suite 1
Dodge City, KS	March 8th April 7th	1-4 p.m. 4-7 p.m.	236 San Jose (Henessy Hall)
Liberal, KS	March 22nd April 21st	1-4 p.m. 4-7 p.m.	SWKAAA Offices 150 Plaza Dr. Ste H

Gift certificates will be awarded to the first 20 people at each site!
"Goody" bags will also be given out provided by the SWK Area Agency on Aging.

Transportation to and from the event will be provided as needed.

**CALL PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CTR, INC. TO REGISTER AND RESERVE
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**For more
information, and
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620-371-7690**