

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Windy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 56. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60.

**Sunday Night:** A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

**Monday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 60.

**Monday Night:** A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 39. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 59.

Wednesday: High, 58; Low 38  
 Precip: Wed. .None

Month: 0.50 inches  
 Year: 1.49 inches

Normal: 3.98 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Friday 6:57 a.m. 8:29 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Proposed walking trail moving closer to reality

From "TRAIL," Page 1

pool and high school, Evans said, reaching into as many neighborhoods as possible.

"It would be a safe way for kids to get out there (to the pool)," she said. Surfacing might be something other than concrete, she said, but would accommodate walkers and bikers. Some areas might focus on memorial gifts from area families.

Evans said people can get behind the effort three ways:

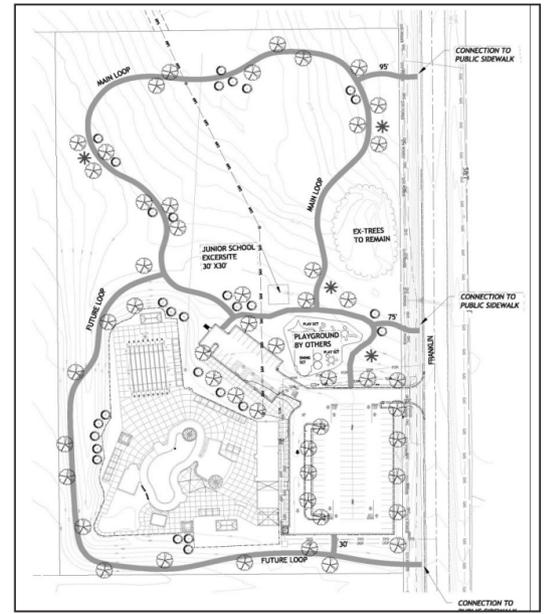
- Tell everyone about the plan and drum up support.
- Donate cash to help pay the cost. While the team has as much as \$21,000 promised, she said, Woofter estimated the cost of concrete alone at \$75,000. The Thomas County Community Foundation has set up a "pass-through" fund to take tax-deductible donations for the trails, said Executive Director Melinda Olson.

• Volunteer to help build, plant, clean up and maintain the trails. The city and Tree Board will pitch in, but the group needs lots of volunteer labor to make things work on a tight budget.

Evans said the Wellness Committee has donated \$20,000 for the trails, the city will provide land for Phase I loops and a \$24,275 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation will pay for the "exercite," a people counter, a contract with a trail designer and meeting to promote the plan. The activities center has a \$1,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation for the effort.

The city, she added, has \$75,000 for playground equipment, but that will cost about \$100,000. At least \$25,000 more will be needed to complete that area.

"As you can see, we're a little short," she said, "but if we want to do it, we can get it done. In Colby, we can do what we set our minds to. We just have to get started, and it'll go."



# New mayor, council members sworn in Tuesday

From "MAYOR," Page 1

room during discussion and voting.

Gatz finished by handing out copies of both the U.S. and Kansas Constitutions.

In other business:

• Cindy Cersovsky brought more information on disaster insurance for the power plant. The power plant has only ever had mechanical breakdown insurance on the generators, said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, and the city asked Cersovsky to get quotes for additional coverage.

Cersovsky said the coverage would cost the city \$26,150 annually, about half the initial estimate. It would cover disasters such as fire, hail or vandalism.

Taylor said the Federal Emergency Management Agency would provide money for any disaster the city is likely to face if the county is declared a disaster area. Adrian said that amount would likely be less now with recent government budget cuts.

Taylor said most of what would happen to the power plant would be mechanical failure, which is already covered.

The council asked Cersovsky to get a quote on basic disaster coverage, which would include fire

and wind, and get back to them.

• Theron Froggatte of Oppenheimer and Co. reported on the \$1.13 million bond sale for the Willow Avenue improvements. Any investment banks who wanted to bid were contacted and sent information, he said, and the city got a low bid of 3.54 percent interest from Country Club Bank of Prairie Village.

Froggatte said these bonds will be paid back using property tax and sales tax revenue from within the tax increment district, which includes Bosselman Travel Stop, Wendy's and Hampton Inn.

The council approved an ordinance and a resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

• City Recreation Director Stacey Lee made her annual report to the council. The Recreation Commission has 34 programs over the course of the year, she said, and they are always looking for new ones. Programs include Tae Kwon Do, fitness activities, cooking, basketball and volleyball camps, youth basketball, softball, T-ball and swimming lessons.

• The council approved expanding the Wildlife and Parks Department program at Villa High Lake into a Community Fisheries Assistance Program. Under the new agreement, the department gives

the city \$1,822 on April 1 and \$607 on Oct. 1 to buy fish for the lake. In return the city has to do at least \$1,822 of maintenance on the lake.

The vote was unanimous. Councilman Mark Beringer described the program as a "no brainer."

• The council discussed giving an employee discount on concession for life guards and cashiers at

the new pool.

Councilman Tim Hutfles said he thought 10 percent would be reasonable. Beringer said it is difficult to decide on a discount before knowing how much money is going to be coming in and how much operating costs will be.

The council tabled the discussion, agreeing to revisit it once the pool has been in operation for a

few weeks.

Armstrong said he now has 28 applicants for jobs at the pool, none of whom have asked for a discount.

• Adrian read a proclamation declaring April 29 as Arbor Day in Colby. The proclamation is one of the requirements for being a Tree City U.S.A., which Colby has been for nine years.

# 'Suitability' issue still undecided

From "ISSUE," Page 1

the educational experience for all Kansas children."

"The governor has always seen the discussion about education suitability and the school finance formula as something that would happen over the next two years," Jones-Sontag said.

House Speaker Mike O'Neal has led his chamber's efforts to change the definition of suitability to show the courts that the state is paying its fair share. He says there are other sources of money that the court isn't necessarily considering when calculating the total school bill.

"In my view, we already have in the statutes what we are asking the schools to do in the way of curriculum," said O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican. "Our emphasis is on having the court recognize to a

greater extent than just the money that goes through the formula, the amount of money that is expended on a per pupil basis."

One of the bills still in the House would change the way the state distributes aid to schools for students considered at risk of failing. The change would distribute extra money based on student performance on state assessments, not eligibility for free or reduced-priced lunches as it is now.

Other bills would allow districts to tap reserve accounts, and count that money as part of the state's overall effort.

"All of these are part of a scheme to prop up base state aid," O'Neal said.

The base is expected to be cut by as much as \$250 per student, going from \$4,012, to \$3,762.

## LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening											April 23, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	The Ten Commandments												
KBSL/CBS	CSI: NY		CSI: Miami		48 Hours Mystery		Local						
KSNK/NBC	Chase		Law & Order: LA		Law & Order: SVU		Local		Saturday Night Live				
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		Fringe		Fame		Local		
<b>Cable Channels</b>													
A & E	Dog	Dog	Storage	Storage	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Dog	Dog			
AMC	Die Hard											U.S. Marshals	
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog		Cats 101		Cats 101		It's Me or the Dog		Cats 101				
BRAVO	House											House	
CMT	Stroker Ace		Billy Madison		Ron White: Fix		Terry Fator						
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Disaster Movie		South Pk		South Pk		S. Park		South Pk		South Pk		
DISC	Desert Car Kings		Desert Car Kings		Desert Car Kings		Desert Car Kings		Desert Car Kings				
DISN	Lemonade Mouth		Good Luck		Shake It		Shake It		Wizards		Good Luck		
E!	Liar Liar		Sex and t		Sex and t		The Soup		Chelsea		Kendra		
ESPN	NBA Basketball											SportsCtr	
ESPN2	College Baseball		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight						
FAM	Jumanji											Beetlejuice	
FOOD	Challenge		Challenge		Cupcake Wars		Iron Chef America		Challenge				
FX	Slumdog Millionaire		Two Men		Two Men		Archer		Slumdog Millionaire				
HGTV	Cash & Ca		Block		Secrets		Antonio		House		House		
<b>American Profile</b>													
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HIST	Secret Access				Jesus: The Lost				Secret Access				
LIFE	Serenity				William & Kate				William & Kate				
MTV	The Real World				The Real World				The Real World				
NICK	iCarly		Ninjas		Victorini		iCarly		George		Lopez		
SCI	Final Destination 2				Roadkill				The Hitcher				
SPIKE	Crocodile Dundee				Crocodile Dundee II				Crocodile Dundee				
TBS	Shrek				Shrek				Fun With Dick & Jane				
TCM	Gunga Din				Sea Fury				Sea Devils				
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Left		48 Hours: Left		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Left				
TNT	Jurassic Park											Batman & Robin	
TOON	The Wizard of Oz		King-Hill		King-Hill		Venture		Fam. Guy		Boondocks		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Bleach		Kekkaishi		
TV LAND	AllFamily		AllFamily		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Roseanne		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				
VH1	SNL		Saturday Night Live		Mob Wives		Audrina		Saddle		Save the Last 2		
WGN	Bones		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		How I Met		South Pk		
<b>Premium Channels</b>													
HBO	Harry Potter-Prince		Cinema Verite		Game of Thrones		Sherlock Holmes						
MAX	Beth Coop		First Blood		Percy Jackson		Life on Top 04						
SHOW	Nurse		Tara		Jon Lovitz Presents		Fight		Boxing				

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Sunday Evening											April 24, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover											Desperate Housewives	
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race											Beyond Black	
KSNK/NBC	America's											Celebrity Apprentice	
KSAS/FOX	The Simpsons Movie											Local	
<b>Cable Channels</b>													
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds				
AMC	88 Minutes											The Killing	
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters				
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Happens		Housewives/OC				
CMT	Billy Madison											Stroker Ace	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Scary Movie 4		South Pk		South Pk		South Pk		South Pk		South Pk		
DISC	Human Planet		Human Planet		MegaQuake		Human Planet		Human Planet				
DISN	WALL-E											Phineas	
E!	Khloe		Khloe		True Hollywood Story		Khloe		The Dance		After Lat		
ESPN	MLB Baseball											SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Quarterback		Year/Quarterback		SportsCenter Special		QB Camp		QB Camp		QB Camp		
FAM	Titanic											Whose?	
FOOD	Challenge		Last Cake Standing		Cake		TBA		Cupcake Wars		Last Cake Standing		
FX	Step Brothers											Role Models	
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		House		Hunters		Income		Holmes Inspection		
HIST	Ax Men				Inspector America				Swamp People		Ax Men		
LIFE	Nights in Rodanthe				William & Kate				Sundays at Tiffany's				
MTV	Legally Blonde		America's Best Dance		RJ Berger		Fantasy		The Real World		Life, Liz		
NICK	My Wife		My Wife		Chris		Chris		Lopez		Lopez		
SCI	Tin Man											Tin Man	
SPIKE	Swordfish				Shoot 'Em Up				Shoot 'Em Up				
TBS	Shrek 2											Shrek 2	
TCM	Jesus-Superstar				Godspell				The Godless Girl				
TLC	Charles & Di: Once U		A Royal Bridesmaid		30: Monarchy		A Royal Bridesmaid		30: Monarchy				
TNT	NBA Basketball											NBA Basketball	
TOON	Justice		Star Wars		Baby Blue		King/Hill		Fam. Guy		Robot Chicken		
TRAV	Conqueror		Conqueror		Daytona Motorcycle		Florida Spring		When Vacations		Daytona Motorcycle		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		
USA	NCIS											NCIS	
VH1	Mob Wives		Audrina		Saddle		Mob Wives		Audrina		Saddle		
WGN	How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		News/Nine		Replay		Monk		
<b>Premium Channels</b>													
HBO	True Blood		Game of Thrones		Treme		Game of Thrones		Treme				
MAX	Percy Jackson											Four Christmases	
SHOW	The Borgias		Nurse		Tara		The Borgias		Nurse		Tara		